



Residents call for councils and school to sort out parking chaos

RESIDENTS say the lives of thousands of children are being put at risk because of the traffic chaos around Dorchester Middle School and Thomas Hardy School.

A call came from this

week's town planning committee for the county council to sort the mess out – with a plea for the schools to also play their part.

Some neighbours and town councillors say the

by Trevor Bevins

Thomas Hardy School must bear some of the blame for allowing older pupils to drive to and from school.

Town councillors heard on Monday evening (March 31st) that unless

something is done lives could be lost – one man said he had already witnessed a recent accident where a child was knocked down after dashing into the road between parked cars with-

out a clear line of sight.

Residents in Queen's Avenue and Clarence Road say the danger is made worse by town centre and hospital workers which park their vehicles all day. Some cars are left for days at a time, or even weeks, while their owners travel by

train to London and beyond. The level of parked cars is seen as the biggest problem to road safety in the whole area.

"We are all motorists too. We realise that people have got to park somewhere, but we need to strike a balance where people can park without a danger to other road users and pedestrians," said Lime Close resident Rowland Cornell.

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GAVIN Dixon is an experienced finance broker who recently moved back to Bridport, where he went to school, to take up the position of managing director in his own business, Gavin Dixon Finance Solutions. He lives in Bridport with his long-term partner.

● **YOU came from a traditional farming family - how did you make the switch to finance?**

My dad was a dairy farmer and has owned a couple of his own farms. He also was the estate manager at Ashley Chase Estate in the Bride Valley, which was why we moved to Bridport. I was unsure what I wanted to do in life but was sure I did not want to milk cows 24/7 so I thought that going to university would give me more options in life. I was applying for jobs in my final year when I saw a job advertised working for BNP Paribas Lease Group in their farm division. It seemed to make perfect sense to me as I knew farming and I knew finance, so putting the two together was a logical step. I have been working in business to business finance ever since.

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● **YOU moved back to Bridport after working for companies in London - what was the reason behind the move?**

The reason for the move was that I changed my role at Hitachi Capital Business Finance and became a national broker manager. Part of the deal of taking the job was that I had to relocate but the company did not mind where I moved to. As I have always classed Bridport as my hometown and have a lot of friends down here, I chose to move back. After three years of driving the length and breadth of the UK and spending four nights away a week, I decided to set up my own business.

● **IN what ways is your job different in Dorset compared to the capital?**

The basics of the job are the same - I am helping customers find the most competitive finance to suit their business. However, my previous role was to assist the brokers to ensure they gave me the business rather than giving the business to any of our competitors. Now I am dealing with local dealerships and the customers who are buying the equipment and my old customers, the brokers, are now my competition.

● **IS business in Bridport strong? Was it a motivating**



factor to try and help business in your hometown?

There is a lot of business in Bridport and some local businesses have been very supportive. However, like in any job I have struggled with some of the larger companies in the area which seem unwilling to give me the time of day. When starting my business my main aim was to give something back to the community that had welcomed me when I was 11 and now class me as a local lad who has a funny accent! Helping other local business is definitely my main goal and in time as the business grows then recruiting local people into my business will also be very important.

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● **WHAT do you like about working in the industry?**

Working in finance is a very interesting role as you get to meet lots of different people and lots of different businesses - some businesses you have never heard about so you get to learn lots of new things. It is also very rewarding to know you have helped a business buy a new machine which will then in turn assist them in growing their own business. Indirectly my business can help lots of people and businesses grow and meet their full potential.

● **HOW challenging was it to set up your own business? Do you prefer working for yourself?**

Starting my own business was challenging as I have never done it before but the process is fairly simple, as long as you get the right advice from a good accountant and also from friends or acquaintances who have set up their own businesses. The scariest element of setting up your own business is not knowing when your next pay cheque is coming in - after being employed for 13 years and being paid on the same day of every month to suddenly not knowing if you are going to be able to make a mortgage payment is very unnerving.

If you stay focussed, work hard and never give up you will always be able to make things work and 11 months later I am still here and loving every minute of running my own business. I can honestly say I do not think I could ever work for anyone ever again - being your own boss and reaping the benefits of your own hard work is so rewarding. My only regret in life is that I did not do this sooner.

● **DO you have any ambitions for the future?**

My long term goal is to be able to buy a farm or small holding and set up a charity so that disadvantaged and/or disabled children can come and enjoy a farm experience, my partner looks after disadvantaged children and my sister fosters children, and with my Dad's farming experience I believe we can run a successful charity and help lots of children.

● **ARE you settled in the area now, or do you think you will move again in the future?**

I cannot see myself leaving the area but you can never say never as you do not know what life can throw at you. I came back to Bridport because I love being in the beautiful countryside and so close to an amazing coast. In my 34 years I have lived in a lot of places - cities, towns and villages - and not one of them comes close to Bridport for me.

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Town needs more varied housing for future

DORCHESTER is in need of more two and three-bedroom flats – according to town councillor Viv Allan.

She told fellow councillors that if the town was to achieve what she described as a balanced population more two and three-bedroom flats or apartments would be needed in the centre of the town.

“It seems to me that almost everything which has been built in the past few years is one-bedroom.”

Her comments came during a discussion on a town council plan which sets out the future for the county town.

Mayor Stella Jones welcomed the plan which has been drawn up by the town clerk and a small group of town councillors: “It’s good for us to be proactive if

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we don’t want other councils to tell us what to do,” she said.

Among the proposals in the plan are to encourage a more balanced population by providing opportunities for younger people to live and work in the town; a more varied housing mix; supporting the town’s public sector role as the county town and a sub-regional ‘hub’; building a more diverse economy, encouraging knowledge-based businesses; producing an infrastructure of good roads and car parking and developing a co-ordinated approach to tourism and the town’s his-

torical heritage.

Statistics produced for the report show that the town’s population has increased by 18 per cent to 19,100 since 1991 and is projected to rise to 23,000 by 2021.

Compared to the national average Dorchester has fewer people both under 19 and in the 20-44 age range but more in the 45-64 age range (almost two per cent compared to the national average) and over six per cent more than the national average in the over 65 age group.

Consultations will now be held on the plan with other groups in the town before bringing the final suggestions back for public comment in early summer.

Restorative justice scheme up and running

A RESTORATIVE Justice scheme is now operating in Dorchester – following its successful introduction in Bridport.

Former Police Inspector Alan Jenkins, who is running the project, told Dorchester Town Councillors that the scheme was a “win-win” for victims and perpetrators.

He thanked the town council for its support, both financial and in councillors’ and officers’ time, to get it started in Dorchester.

Mr Jenkins said two facilitators were being trained to run the sessions where offenders and victims are

brought together.

He told councillors that it often allayed fears in victims about why the offences which involved them came about and brought home to the offenders the effect their behaviour had on innocent people. It also kept them out of the criminal justice system, provided they showed genuine remorse and offered to apologise and make reparations.

Mr Jenkins told of the case of a young man from Bridport who went of a wrecking spree at a sheltered accommodation after taking a mixture of drugs and drink – ending up naked and covered in blood with a

trail of devastation all around him.

“All of the residents were completely terrified but were able to understand a little of what had gone on when a group of them ended up in a room with the young man and his sister...he paid for all the damage, sent them all flowers and apologised for his actions, even selling his motorcycle to pay for what he had done.”

Mr Jenkins said the residents were all able to move on from the experience after hearing from him and were able to understand that it wasn’t them as individuals who were targeted.

Parking causing problems outside school

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A survey by one resident discovered more than 500 cars an hour in the roads close to the schools at peak times.

“Parking should be provided by the councils, not residents,” said one.

Dorset County Council were blamed at the meeting for not managing the problems of traffic around the schools and making the problems worse by allowing residents-only parking in roads closer to the town

centre, pushing all-day parkers out to outlying residential areas.

There was also blame cast on West Dorset District Council for making the problem worse by increasing car parking charges. This week fees in the long stay section of the Fairfield car park doubled, encouraging more motorists to find free on-street parking.

Criticism was also levelled at the Dorset County Hospital for not having enough on-site

parking for staff and for refusing the engage with local councillors to find a solution.

But no one at the meeting had a simple remedy to the problem – extending the 20mph zone was effectively ruled out due to the cost and the reluctance of police to enforce it and most felt that speed humps and pinch points were not needed because the level of congestion is so high that traffic cannot travel quickly at peak times.

The best solution, favoured by some residents, is allowing parking on only one side of Queen’s Avenue and Clarence Road and introducing measures to stop all day parking, limiting the time to two or four hours. But others pointed out that making the roads clearer simply increased traffic speeds.

“These issues are now firmly on the radar. Nobody can say they don’t realise there is a problem on this side of the town... we have got to convince the county council to make some traffic orders...but we are not blind to the fact that all these traffic orders do is push the problem elsewhere. If it’s not done right we will be getting objections from Treves Road and Garfield Avenue as people start parking there. We have to be careful objections don’t outweigh what other people want done to improve the situation,” said Councillor Trevor Jones, “We will need to make a convincing case.”

The town council committee approved a recommendation from Councillor Jones to work with the county council in an attempt to solve the problem within the coming year.



■ PARKING congestion in Coburg Road

Diesel stolen from vehicles

A TEN feet long wooden gate was stolen from an open trailer hitched to a Land Rover which was parked in Tesco’s car park between 3pm and 3.10pm on Monday, March 24th.

Other Dorchester crimes include a large quantity of diesel stolen from nine commercial vehicles parked on the Poundbury West Industrial Estate between 6pm on Wednesday, March 19th and 6.45am on Monday, March 24th.

An attempt was also made to steal catalytic converters from several Ford vans that were parked on the estate between March 17th and 26th. The offender failed to steal anything but considerable damage was caused to all the vehicles.

Dog walkers in the James Road area of Dorchester may be able to help police with a burglary at a house in the road between 2.30pm and 5pm on Thursday, March 20th.

During that time a rear window was forced to gain entry with jewellery and a television then being stolen. Dorchester police officers would like to speak with a man who was seen in the area during the afternoon. He was in his 20’s or 30’s, 5’9” tall, slim build with dark coloured hair and wearing a light blue jacket. Crime No. 11361 refers.

Police say the house backs onto the sports field and it may be that people walking their dogs in the area at the time saw something suspicious.

Train service effected

BUSES will replace trains between Dorchester and Poole for four days from this Thursday (April 3rd) as engineers work on a rail re-signalling project.

South West Train services will be affected from Thursday, April 3rd to Sunday April 6th.

On Thursday and Friday the Dorchester South and Poole section will be closed with replacement bus services running between Poole and Weymouth, supplemented by a shuttle train service between Dorchester South and Weymouth.

On April 5th and April 6th, the line between Dorchester South and Bournemouth will be closed.

For more details check with National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950 or see nationalrail.co.uk.

New mayor announced

PETER and Sheila Mann are to be Dorchester’s next Mayor and Mayoress – taking up the roles later this month.

Town councillor Andy Canning told colleagues that the mayoral selection committee had been unanimous in the choice.

Present Mayor Stella Jones told Mr and Mrs Mann: “I am very pleased. You will have a wonderful year and I look forward to you taking over.”

Councillor Mann told the annual town council meeting that he was “privileged and honoured” to be invited.

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Bus changes come into effect

CHANGES to the subsidised bus network will come into effect on Sunday, April 6th.

The amendments are being made following Dorset County Council's cabinet meeting in December.

Across Dorset 39 routes will be changed, with 39 left unaffected. Ten routes have been completely withdrawn and 12 Saturday services have been removed.

The changes mean that the council achieves a saving of £822,000 from its £2.8 million bus subsidy expenditure. The saving is needed because councils no longer receive Government funding to support non-commercial bus routes.

Initial proposals were drawn up about the routes most likely to be affected following a survey of passenger numbers, which highlighted that many routes were under used and not providing value for money for the Dorset council taxpayer.

Public consultation took place in the autumn, and the many responses have helped shape the final decisions

Councillor Hilary Cox, the council's Cabinet mem-

ber for environment, said: "We have taken note of the 1,200 responses and listened to all the comments and petitions from local residents. For example, we have worked with several communities to ensure that they will continue to have a Saturday service, even though this meant – in some cases – we have had to reduce services during the week.

"This review is not something we have undertaken lightly, and we fully understand that some bus services offer a lifeline to residents without transport of their own. Unlike many councils, we are still putting a substantial amount of money – £2 million – into supporting local bus services.

"And as part of this package we are also investing an additional £25,000 to help community transport schemes start up. There are already 60 voluntary car schemes, dial-a-rides and other community transport initiatives in existence across the county, helping overcome rural isolation."

For information about bus services and routes visit www.dorsetforyou.com/bustimetables/updates.

Closing date extended for police specials campaign

DORSET Police have extended the closing date for its Special Constabulary recruitment campaign.

Applicants now have until next Monday, April 8th to sign up.

The force says it is keen to build a team of "rural" specials, who will work exclusively in more remote communities based around Dorchester, Blandford, Gillingham, Sherborne and East Dorset.

Debi Potter, Chief Officer of the Special Constabulary, said: "Special constables are a vital part of Dorset Police, working alongside full-time officers and police staff,

including PCSOs, to make a difference in our communities.

"We are looking to appoint specials in different areas right across Dorset and are particularly keen to hear from anyone who wants to work in rural areas of the county.

"We hope to encourage people living in quieter, countryside locations to sign up so they can be directly involved in policing their community.

"A few hours of your time each week could make a real difference in your community and will give you the opportunity to learn new

skills, meet new people and gain excellent experience in a fulfilling and varied role."

A special constable is asked to work a minimum of 16 hours per month and, where possible, this is broken down to a minimum of four hours per week. The working hours are flexible so that you can give more time if you can spare it.

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Town's flood plan almost complete

A FLOOD plan for Dorchester could be completed by the end of the summer – two years after work started on the project.

Experts started looking at the problem in the summer of 2012 after flooding around Mill Stream Road, London Road and King's Road.

This week town councillors were told that the 165-page report was now ready although not all the measures suggested were likely to be carried out – unless extra funding could be found.

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Town councillor Molly Rennie said that if the simple steps already taken, such as clearing silt from the river and adjusting sluices, were continued with, residents would be a lot happier.

The town council planning committee also heard of a suggestion for appointing volunteer flood wardens for the area and working out a flood plan, something

the town has not had so far.

Councillor Richard Biggs told officials from the Environment Agency and Dorset County Council, who attended the meeting, that he was concerned that after two years there was still no visible evidence of anything happening.

"At River Crescent where the bank is broken and crumbling away, nothing has been done. It's frustrating and causing residents concern," he said.

"How much effort does it take to repair a bank?"

The two authorities were also criticised for failing to consult with residents – one complained that he was only aware of what was going on because he used a Freedom of Information request to find out. He said requests for communication had been met with no response.

Lack of adequate parking in town

WEST Dorset planners are being urged to make sure new developments in the town have a "realistic" number of parking spaces.

Dorchester town councillors heard that much of the town's parking problems were caused by a lack of adequate parking – the Dorset County Hospital being cited as an example of a failure to provide enough space, leading to staff and visitors parking in nearby residential streets.

The call for a sensible parking policy for new developments came from

Independent councillor David Barrett whose own ward has suffered from town centre workers parking throughout the day.

Town Mayor Stella Jones said it was estimated that 8,000 people came into the town each day to work, causing inevitable problems even before the summer tourist traffic was added to the mix.

Town planning committee chair Councillor Susie Hosford said she hoped the issue would be tackled by all the local councils in a strategic, rather than piecemeal, way.

Digital signs will help relieve town congestion

NEW digital signs have been installed in Dorchester directing drivers to car parks where there are vacant spaces.

The aim of the scheme is to help drivers avoid a car park that is full and will also help to reduce the need for drivers to travel around looking for a space, reduce congestion and cut down on pollution – a particular problem in High East and High West Streets which often exceed the set limits for pollution.

Hilary Cox, Cabinet member for Environment said: "The addition of these digital signs in Dorchester will make a huge improvement for local people and visitors to the area looking for parking. It will cut down on queues and congestion, making the experience better for everyone."

The digital signs will be integrated into the county council's car park guidance system, currently covering Weymouth.

Key fob system proposed at gardens tennis courts

A KEY fob system is likely to be introduced to the Dorchester Borough Gardens tennis courts – to prevent people playing without paying.

Under proposals from the town council there would be an annual charge of £25 for the fob and then a £6 per hour charge for the court.

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Tee-Jay makes cadet competition final

A TEENAGER from Dorchester will be competing in a national St John Ambulance cadet competition this weekend.

Tee-Jay Downton, who lives in Orchard Street, was selected from dozens of other cadets to head the charity's East district, which covers Dorset, Yeovil and South Wiltshire.

Tee-Jay, an engineering student at Weymouth College, said he was delighted to be named as the District Cadet of the Year.

"I joined St John Ambulance wanting to gain valuable first aid skills which I have but I have got so much more than that including friends for life, leadership and communication skills to name just a few. Most importantly, I have enjoyed every minute of it and want to help the younger Cadets do the same."

He will be taking part in the National Cadet of the Year competition on April 5th to April 7th at Leicester University



■ ST John Ambulance South West Regional Director Steve Hargreaves, Tee-Jay Downton and Dave Christophers, St John Ambulance Youth Manager in the South West

for the coveted nation-wide Cadet of the Year title.

Dave Christophers, Regional Youth Manager for St John Ambu-

lance in the South West, said: "The standard of Cadets was extremely high and it was a tough decision to make."

"Tee-Jay is a great ex-

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Runners have fun in the



■ LINDSAY Beale leading the warm up session



■ THE Spicer family from Dorchester, one of the fancy dress competition winners



■ RUNNING Nun Sister Augustine



■ TWO kilometre fun run winner Maddy Johnson -12 - from St Osmunds School and Dorchester Athletic Club

It was fun in the sun for this year's Dorchester Lions Run on Sunday. Hundreds lined up in bright sunshine – in stark contrast to last year when runners shivered in biting winds.

For the first time a shorter two kilometre course was on offer with roughly half the field of 200 plus runners opting for the shorter distance, while the more serious tackled the 10 kilometre, taking them out to Maiden Castle and back.

Mayor Stella Jones ran the two kilometre route with eight-year-old granddaughter Carys, after sounding the horn to get the event underway.

Her sporty Sunday came just hours after abseiling down a cliff on Portland

where she raised hundreds of pounds for charity.

"Going down was fine, but getting back up again was a bit of a nightmare because it was so slippery underfoot... today's run will be easier by comparison," she said.

Also joining in the two kilometre run was Sister Augustine, running in her nun's habit. She travelled from Cornwall to take part and meet up with friends from Dorchester who she knew while working at St Genevieve's.

Fewer entries were received for the fancy dress competition this year with the winners including the Spicer family from Dorchester in their onesies and



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Daniel Scott who turned up looking battered and bruised thanks to some first aid "wounds".

Also taking part this year was former Dorchester Mayor, Les Phillips, being pushed around in his wheelchair by Maurice Tattershall, Anne Stone and her grand-daughter Esther (aged eight), to raise money for the Dumovaria Silver Band and the Dorchester Disabled Club.

First home in the two kilometre event

was Maddy Johnson, 12, from St Osmond's School who also runs with Dorchester Athletics Club.

The Lions are hoping to raise around £4,000 from the event – half of which will go back to the organisations and nominated charities by those who took part. The rest will be used for Lions charities and the Alzheimer's Society.

This year's event was the 32nd which, over the years, has raised in excess of £200,000 for charity.



■ MAYOR Stella Jones and grand-daughter Carys Chester, aged eight



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Fund available to create a community woodland

COMMUNITIES Living Sustainably in Dorset is making £25,000 available over a two year period to develop a community woodland project in or around the Bridport or Dorchester area.

The programme's Renewable Energy Strand Co-ordinator, Pete West, said: "We are inviting community groups interested in leading our community woodland project to get in touch. We hope the project will contribute to the local economy through the production of logs and timber, and leisure and educational opportunities, as well as improving biodiversity."

Supported by the Big Lottery Fund, Communities Living Sustainably (CLS) in Dorset is one of 12 programmes to help communities adapt to a changing climate and to look at ways of lowering the carbon footprint.

Other aspects of the CLS programme include community investment in solar panel installations on schools and village halls, energy efficiency in the home and business, and helping schools

achieve their Green Flag status.

CLS is also forming a partnership to help develop the local food economy, and working with the fishing and farming sectors.

The group taking forward this woodland project would be part of the Renewable Energy Strand of the CLS in Dorset, Co-ordinated by Dorset County Council, and would also be represented on the programme's steering group.

The group will need to have access to woodland which could be leased for several years, an ability to draw in appropriate expertise, manage and learn from the project.

CLS in Dorset has funding until April 2016, however, it is anticipated that further funds could be leveraged from national sources to continue beyond the CLS period.

Visit www.clsdorset.org.uk for full details and information on how to apply by Wednesday, April 30th, to CLS in Dorset Renewable Energy Officer, Pete West p.west@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

Exhibition reunion for pub regulars

A REUNION for former regulars of the Exhibition pub is being held in Dorchester this weekend.

The get together will be at the Wessex Royale in High West Street from 7.30pm on Saturday, April 5th with former hosts Barry and Anth Harris who used to run the Exhibition from

the early 1980s.

This weekend's event will include a 1980s themed buffet and music from Chris Groves, who used to play at the pub. Tickets cost £10 including food and are available from the Wessex Royale Hotel or by calling 01305 262660.



Business owners brush up on first aid skills

■ DORCHESTER town centre workers who have been undergoing first aid training

BUSINESS staff in Dorchester have been making the town safer – by undergoing First Aid training organised by the town's Business Improvement District (BID).

By the end of April an additional 24 town centre staff will be trained to give first aid – including life-saving techniques.

Two workshops organised by the BID have been fully subscribed, both delivered by one of the BID levy paying businesses, Everycare Wessex in High West Street who co-sponsor the workshops and specialise in training in a variety of areas including manual handling, safeguarding of vulnerable adults/children, conflict management, self-defence and breakaway techniques.

Trainer Dave Foster said: "We started doing these courses of our fellow Dorchester

businesses last year as a result of an approach from DBID.

"We were delighted to be able to help and it's such a great opportunity to spread some basic skills that might actually save a life or make a difference to someone having the misfortune to be taken ill or have an accident in town."

The workshop covers a variety of basic skills and helps people to identify, prioritise problems and administer the appropriate first aid. It includes CPR and choking algorithms in line with current UK resuscitation guidelines and an introduction to the use of defibrillators.

A fully certified training course specifically for the use of defibrillators is also about to take place, also organised by the

Dorchester BID for the businesses in town who would like their staff to know how to use the growing number of defibrillators now available, three of which were donated by the DBID last year.

These units are in Goulds household store, The Post Office and The Royal Oak in High West Street.

Phil Gordon DBID project Director said: "Dorchester is already a very pleasant and safe town to come visiting or to regularly shop in, but now we have a really impressive number of first aider's in town and qualified Defib operators, I think it's rather nice to have the peace of mind knowing that if someone got into difficulties in town, there is a very strong network of support around to help."

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Last week's picture was the rear view of Thomas Hardy's statue in the Walks.

Over the years talks have been held to find it a more "suitable" location – but the statue to the town's greatest writer remains where it is. The latest suggestions have included Brewery Square although some Hardy followers have said a more typical Dorchester location would be better.

Family winemakers pop the cork to celebrate award winning fizz

THE family-owned Langham Wine Estate, near Dorchester, has won the highly acclaimed Judgement of Parsons Green IV with its 2010 Classic Cuvee.

The sparkling wine made in the vineyard's first year of production beat 93 other English sparkling wines from 47 different vineyards in a blind tasting.

Its 2010 Blanc de Noirs also finished in the top 10.

The Cuvee is a blend of three classic Champagne grape varieties, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay which was aged for more than two years in the bottle.

Langham Wine Estate winemaker, Liam Idzikowski said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won the Judgement of Parsons Green IV with our Classic Cuvee and for our 2010 Blanc de Noir Reserve to come eighth."

"What makes it even more thrilling is that both the wines we entered are from our first year of production. We specialise in making exceptional wines, all estate grown and made on site, and

it is so rewarding to achieve recognition for our hard work from such a team of expert judges."

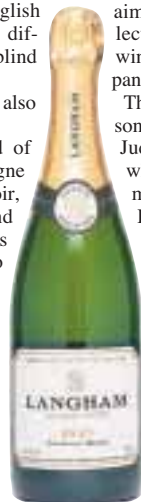
The Judgement of Parsons Green IV is organised by Stephen Skelton Master of Wine, with the aim to present the widest selection of English sparkling wines for blind testing to a panel of judges.

The name, Judgement of Parsons Green IV stems from the Judgement of Paris (1976) when Californian wines famously beat the best of the French.

Now in its fourth year, Skelton said that this year's scores for the top 10 English sparkling wines was higher than ever before, up almost a whole point to average 17.25 out of 20, demonstrating, he noted, "the increase in quality of the best wines". Langham Estate Wine was described by Skelton as

doing "exceptionally well". Judges included wine writers, several Masters of Wine, trade buyers and consultants.

The 2010 Classic Cuvee is available from good independent



■ **LANGHAM Wine Estate winemaker Liam Idzikowski**

wine merchants and delis locally, which are listed on the Langham Wine Estate website. The wine is also available mail order from Langham Wine Estate. <http://www.langhamwine.co.uk>.

In 2009 Langham Wine Estate planted 38,000 vines on 30 acres near Dorchester on land carefully selected for its south facing slope. The vineyard is planted with the traditional Champagne varieties, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay and is the largest vineyard in the South West.

Law firm show support for hospice

THE Poundbury and Bridport based legal firm, The Commercial Law Practice, have signed up to support the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust for a second year.

Last year they sponsored the annual Weldmar Fete and also put on a golf day to raise funds for the charity. They have now agreed to support the Weldmar printed and emailed newsletters through to the end of the current year.

Said Lee Wilkins of The Commercial Law Practice: "It's a wonderful charity and we want to support Weldmar in every way we can. Investing in their newsletters, which in turn helps Weldmar communicate with the supporters, is the least we can do. We see this as a long term relationship that is growing year on year."

Church to host walk for Lent

A CHURCH walk is being held at Maiden Castle next Tuesday, April 8th, as part of local Lent events.

Churches Together in Dorset will be meeting up at the car park at 10am for a briefing, followed by a walk around the inner ramparts of the ancient hillfort, pausing at 12.30pm for a picnic and a service, followed by a walk around the outer ramparts for those who want to.

The walk will be led by the Bishop of Sherborne, the Right Reverend Dr Graham Kings, the chair of Churches Together in Dorset.

The event is open to church members and those who are not members of any church.

Get help with your gadgets at library

A 'GADGET Day' is being held at Crossways Library tomorrow, Thursday, April 3rd.

Volunteers and Friends of the Library will be on hand to help with online gadgetry between 10am and noon.

People are being invited to bring their tablets, phones and computers into the library and try out the free WiFi, as well as learn how to download ebooks and take part in other online activities. The event is being organised as part of Spring Online week.

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Marathon fundraiser

A LIVE band, disco and other entertainment is being held at Dorchester Rugby Club this Friday to raise money for London Marathon runner Georgina Kosnar.

Georgina from Poundbury, is running the London Marathon on April 13th to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. She chose the charity after her cousin and a close friend suffered from the disease.

The April 4th event will include a DJ, live music from local musician Jack Daniels and a raffle with prizes which include golf days, hampers and family day out vouchers.

A buffet and a chocolate fountain will also be available during the evening.

Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2 for children available by calling 07796 086360.

Brewery Square talk

THE Dorchester Chamber of Commerce will be holding its next monthly breakfast meeting on Tuesday, April 8th at Carluccio's in Dorchester's Brewery Square.

The speaker will be Brewery Square's Andrew Wadsworth who will be telling the members about the next stage in Brewery Square's development.

Anyone wishing to book can do so on the chamber's website, www.dorchesterchamber.co.uk.

Books and chatter event

A 'BOOKS and Chatter' event is being held in Dorchester Library this Friday, April 4th as part of Spring Online Week.

Visitors are being invited to bring along their tablet or e-reader to the first session between 10.30am and 11.30am to learn about e-books and how to download them. Free refreshments will be provided.

Mia's poster is hot off the press

by Trevor Bevins

YOUNGSTERS who won an anti-litter poster competition have been visiting the Dorchester print company which has produced the posters.

The competition was organised by Dorchester Stop the Drop and the Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset organisation.

First winner Mia Bryant, aged eight, of Prince of Wales First School, Dorchester visited Epic Creative Print's modern factory to see her poster printed.

She was accompanied by year four teaching assistant Barbara Thomas, to meet the organisers of the competition, Alison Jay of Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset, and Felicity McLaren of Dorchester Stop the Drop, the town's anti-litter group.

Mia then went on to work with Karl Watson, Pre Print operator who "cleaned up" the original picture and with Mia's help, and confirmed the colours of her poster on a computer.

They next met John Formon, Production Manager,

and Dave Lovell, digital machine operator, who printed 100 copies of her poster on the digital press.

Mr Formon then guided Mia to the room where the giant guillotine, which can cut up to 1000 sheets at a time, was used to trim her posters down to A4 size.

With copies of her winning poster in hand, Mia thanked everyone and left Epic with a big smile on her face.

The next trip was made by the second and third place winners, Mathilde Burdett, aged five, and Freya Humphries, aged nine, both of St. Mary's School, Charminster, who visited Epic to have their posters printed, going through the same processes as Mia.

All now hope that shops and offices throughout Dorchester will place their posters in their windows to bring to everyone's attention that littering is not acceptable.



■ MIA with her winning poster

Could church be included in new school site?

TALKS are being held to include the Dorchester Community Church on the site of a new school for Poundbury.

The school is being planned as a replacement for the Damers Road First School.

A new site was needed for the church after land in Trinity Street, next to the former town fire station, was found to be unsuitable.

The church needs to move from its

Acland Road site to make way for further development on the Charles Street car park which it backs onto.

Part of that development is likely to include an extension to the existing Waitrose store and a new shop for Marks and Spencer.

The church has been looking for a new site, with town centre developments, Simons, since 2006.

Three years ago they were offered the Trinity Street site, but it was

only towards the end of last year that potential problems with the land led to architects warning that the site be abandoned unless someone was prepared to pick up the bill for expensive groundworks to strengthen the site and protect neighbouring buildings.

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Few days remain to enter village shop competition

JUST days remain to enter a new category in this year's Dorset's Best Village competition – that of Best Village Shop.

That section of the countywide contest has been sponsored by the county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which is based at the Little Keep, off Bridport Road, Dorchester.

Communities across the county are being asked to nominate the business which serves them best.

The annual Best Village Competition is run by Dorset Community Action which asks for entries from parish councils and parish meetings, village hall com-

mittees and any other active community group.

Last year, 55 villages took part in the competition.

Magna Housing, another Dorchester-based organisation, has been the major sponsor for the competition since 2010 and has renewed its support this year.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Monday, April 7th, apart from the Environmental Champions Award where entrants have to register an interest in taking part by April 7th, with a final entry date of August 22nd.

Entry details can be found at: http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/dorsets_best_village.

County council children's services shortlisted for government award

CHILDREN'S Services at Dorset County Council has been recognised for actively involving children, young people and families in designing and delivering services they use.

The National Government Opportunities (GO) has selected the children's commissioning, procurement and participation teams as a finalist in the category "Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2014/15".

Over the last year, young people have given their views on priorities, and on a wide range of services including leisure, education, health

and social care through workshops and focus groups.

They have also been working with suppliers of goods and services to ensure they offer value for money and are designed in such a way that they encourage young people to make full use of them.

Rebecca Knox, Cabinet Member for children's services at the county council, said: "The views of children and young people are greatly valued and have a real impact in the planning of future services for them.

"It is also a great way for young people to develop new skills.

"Being nominated for this award is a fantastic recognition of the work done by the commissioning, procurement and participation team to involve children and young people in delivering services that affect their lives.

"Local government has lots to shout about, and these awards are part of that.

"With continual reductions in budgets it is important that we do things more effectively so that the vital services residents expect, and rely on, can be protected and improved."

Artist lends support to squirrel campaign

by Trevor Bevins

DORSET Wildlife Trust (DWT) has launched the new red squirrel membership campaign, complete with illustrations and words by Rachel Bright, creator of the multimillion-selling gift and card brand, "The Bright Side".

More than 140,000 homes in Dorset will be receiving the booklet, entitled "Dear Human" – complete with a picture of "super squirrel", who explains the plight of red squirrels in Dorset, and how DWT has helped to ensure their survival on Brownsea Island.

Rachel said: "I am just so delighted to be working with the amazing team at The Dorset Wildlife Trust. I feel so passionately about preserving the habitats of our beautiful county and so pleased that I can lend my artist's hand to help. I feel lucky everyday to live in such a diverse and stunning place and we all have a responsibility to be part of keeping it that way. I look forward to being a small part of the enormous amount of work this charity does for us all for years to come."

DWT Marketing and Fundraising Director, Alastair Cook said: "Rachel's stunning illustrations and engaging words are a unique opportunity for us to share the serious message that we need help to continue our conservation work in Dorset. Membership is the only reliable source of income we have. Without the valuable support of our members, we wouldn't be able to manage habitats for threatened species such as red squirrels on Brownsea Island, or the Dartford Warbler on Upton heath in Poole."

Brownsea Island, which is owned by the National Trust, is a haven for red squirrels and one of the very few places in southern England where they still survive. Dorset Wildlife Trust has leased and managed 256 acres of Brownsea Island as nature reserve for more than 50 years.

To find out how to be part of Dorset Wildlife Trust, and see Rachel's story and illustrations, visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/red-squirrel-mailing.



■ RACHEL Bright in her studio photo courtesy of Rachel Bright



■ RED Squirrel on Brownsea Island photo courtesy of Stewart Canham

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'Autism friendly' film screening

DORCHESTER'S Odeon cinema will be showing an autism-friendly version of Rio 2 this Sunday, April 6th, in support of World Autism Awareness Day.

The 11.30am screening will have reduced sound levels, the lights will be kept to a low level and the trailers and adverts will be removed to enable people with autism to feel more relaxed.

There is also an allowance for an increase movement and noise within the auditorium.

The screenings are run in partnership with learning disability and autism support provider Dimensions.

Alan Escott, general manager at Odeon Dorchester, said "This screening will give those with autism the opportunity to enjoy Rio 2 in a relaxed environment.

"The performance will have subtle changes which mean people with sensory difficulties have a more positive experience.

"Our hope is that, as guests become more familiar with the cinema environment, they will begin to feel comfortable with attending standard screenings."

The cinema hosts specially-adapted autism-friendly screenings of new releases one Sunday each month at 11:30am.

Get help with gadgets at library

A "GADGET Day" is being held at Crossways Library this Thursday, April 3rd.

Volunteers and Friends of the Library will be on hand to help with online gadgetry between 10am and noon.

People are being invited to bring their tablets, phones and computers into the library and try out the free WiFi, as well as learn how to download ebooks and take part in other online activities. The event is being organised as part of Spring Online week.

Time for tea

■ FROM left Chief Executive of Care South, Susan Willoughby, relative Catherine Chandler and Home Manager, Dawn Palmer

RESIDENTS at Dorchester's Maiden Castle House care home were treated to a special tea party, as the home joined health and social care providers around the world in celebrating Nutrition and Hydration Week.

The National Association of Care Catering asked care providers to hold tea-themed celebrations throughout the week, challenging them to invite as many friends, relatives and members of the local community as possible to raise awareness of the importance of good hydration and nutrition to a healthy lifestyle.

Mayor of Dorchester, Stella Jones, visited the home for the event, staying for the duration of the tea party and chatting to residents and their families.

Head Chef, Richard Sands, treated guests to a delicious spread of freshly-baked scones, served with

generous helpings of jam and cream, and home-made cupcakes.

The home also held a cake sale during the afternoon, raising more than £170 for the Residents' Amenity Fund.

Activities Co-ordinator at Maiden Castle House, Jenny Webster, said: "We had a brilliant afternoon celebrating Nutrition and Hydration Week with residents and their relatives.

"At Care South, we take nutrition and hydration practice very seriously and are always eager to take part in awareness-raising activities such as these.

"We would like to say a big thank you to the Mayor of Dorchester for supporting our tea party, to our head chef, Richard, who did a fantastic job, and to our three social support workers who cheerfully buttered, creamed and jammed for England!"

Dementia support group

A PEER support group for younger people with dementia in South and West Dorset meets this week at Poundbury.

The group, which was set up and is run by Alzheimers Society, is for people who have dementia or are caring for someone with dementia and are under 70-years-old.

The group meets at various locations, every two weeks, on alternate Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12pm.

This Monday, April 7th, they will be at The Engine Room at Poundbury Garden Centre.

Other dates include - Wednesday, April 23rd to meet at the Oasis Café, Preston, Weymouth for walk along the prom; Wednesday May 21st at Kingston Maurward farm and gardens. £5 admission per person and on Monday, June 2nd at The Engine Room, Poundbury Garden Centre.

For more information contact the Alzheimer's Society local office on 01305 259740 or email dorset@alzheimers.org.uk

Join the Dorchestra

ALL ages and all abilities of musicians are being welcomed to the Dorchestra fortnightly sessions at the Durnovaria Band Hall in Fordington.

The community orchestra is celebrating its first anniversary this spring and is currently working towards a concert in the United Church on May 19th.

The group meets once a fortnight on Sunday afternoons and says it would welcome new members, whatever their age or ability and no matter how rusty they think they are.

The next session will be held on April 14th in the hall from 3 until 5pm.

The group is led by conductor Catherine Oakley.

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Celebrating Dorset's mystic Ridgeway through felt art

VISITORS to a recent land felt exhibition at Upwey Village Hall, Weymouth, had a chance to try their hand at the ancient craft of felting.

Katherine Jones, one of many curious locals who attended the exhibition knowing nothing about felting, was fascinated: "I have never done anything like this," she said.

"I'm not at all arty but I have really enjoyed it."

And Julie Nash from Upwey, who also tried needle felting with tutor Clare Hughes, said: "It is very therapeutic. It's lovely to learn a new skill."

Land Felt, organised by Artsreach, Dorset's rural arts organisation, is part of the South Dorset Ridgeway project.

Running from Eggardon Hill to the villages of Osington and Poxwell, the Ridgeway has been an important area for about 6,000 years. Experienced felt artists and tutors led workshops in villages along the Ridgeway and the results are on show in this exhibition, capturing the footprints of humans over the millennia, through to the most recent marks on the landscape – the "new road" from Dorchester to Weymouth.

Legend has it that if you stand beside the Bincombe Bumps, the neolithic barrows between Dorchester and Weymouth, at mid-day, you will hear music.

A large hanging titled "Bincombe Bumps Music Barrow" was created by members of Age UK Dorchester,

who joined a Land Felt workshop led by feltmaker Clare Hughes.

Some of the small group had never tried felting before, but one member, Carla Taylor, was already a skilled needle felt artist, learned a new aspect of her craft.

Carla's contribution to the Bincombe hanging is a curious hare, popping his head out of the felt background.

The Land Felt project began with an introductory morning at which the tutors – Di Pattinson, Pauline Stanley, Penny Blogg, Mary-Clare Buckle, Clare Hughes and Annabel Wilson – and participants heard about the legends and stories of the Ridgeway and looked at photographs and maps of the area.

Subjects of feltwork range from a scary mask of Dorset's mythical bull-man monster, the Oozer, to vessels, hangings, decorations and framed pictures, as well as a selection of Dorset Buttons.

As well as the exhibition – which was free – there were also have-a-go sessions at each of the venues.

Land Felt will be at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday, April 13th.

A wet felting have-a-go session will take place at Abbotsbury's Strangways Hall on Friday, April 11th from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For more information on the South Ridgeway Project and on Artsreach activities and events, visit www.artreach.co.uk.



■ HAVE a Go Upwey: from left, Katherine Jones, Julie Nash and tutor Clare Hughes



■ UPWEY group exhibits: from left group leader Di Pattinson and embroiderer and felt artist Celia Morris, with felt books open showing their pages

Egg donations wanted for hospice fundraiser

Julia's House is appealing for donations of Easter eggs for use at charity events over the school holidays.

The Dorset children's hospice

runs chocolate tombolas and raffles throughout April and is hoping people will pop an extra egg in their shopping trolley to help raise funds for local life-lim-

ited children.

Easter eggs can be handed in at any Julia's House charity shops in Dorchester, Weymouth or Bridport.



■ PORTERS and security staff at Dorset County Hospital at their training session about minimising the need to use physical restraint on patients

PORTERS at Dorset County Hospital have been trained to minimise the risk to patients and visitors who may need restraining.

Scot Sherrard, the trust's local security management specialist, said: "The dangers associated with physical restraint and especially prone restraint, are well documented. We have taken a very determined step to reduce the incidence of physical restraint of our patients to as far as is reasonably practicable, and avoid using face-down restraint at the trust. This is in line with our 'patient-centred approach' and supported by recent recommendations from mental health charity MIND."

In a report published in July 2013, MIND said there had been 13 restraint-related deaths of people detained under the Mental Health Act, eight of which occurred in a single year (2011).

MIND also expressed concern at the frequency of use of "face-down restraint", which is recognised as being life-threatening because of the impact it has on the subject's ability to breathe freely, yet was used more than 3,000 times in the previous year (2012).

Physical restraint expert, Jim O'Dwyer from training provider AEGIS said: "Ideally, patient care should always be managed in such a way as to completely avoid any need for physical restraint and every instance where restraint proves necessary should be regarded as a failure to have intervened earlier."

"However, in certain circumstances, for example where a patient's behaviour presents an imminent risk of harm to themselves or others, the only option available to staff will be to physically restrain them. In such situations, it is crucial that the process is carried out profes-

sionally, safely and in a manner which minimises any discomfort and loss of dignity to the patient."

Paul Andrews, Housekeeping and Portering Manager at Dorset County Hospital, who undertook the training, himself, said: "Our portering and security team are usually the first responders to calls for assistance from nursing staff and it is vital they have the necessary skills and training. We chose AEGIS because their training programme is endorsed by the National Association for Healthcare Security and we are very pleased with the results. The training will definitely help to minimise the risks. The emphasis was on keeping calm, utilising conflict management techniques and the use of space to talk patients down and defuse situations. The practical skills were amazingly simple and very effective."

ViewLetters

Do we need district and borough councils?

ALL Fools' Day 1974 saw the creation of separate borough and district Councils throughout Dorset.

Forty years on, some of these occasionally hilarious bodies are now considering working in partnership.

Such an arrangement would, we're told, produce economies of scale and provide services more efficiently. West Dorset District Council (WDDC) and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (WPBC) shared services have, we're told, already saved £3million.

So, shouldn't council taxpayers be laughing happily at the prospect of better value for their money? Consider this:

The top priority for any bureaucracy is to ensure its own survival. Be sure that this mooted collaborative tinkering will primarily benefit the councils themselves, not us. Even trivial savings will help to distract from the real problem.

£3million, though welcome, is a mere chuckle compared with what might have been. Accountancy firm Deloitte estimated in 2007 that Dorset as a unitary authority could save £20million, every year, in back office savings alone. But then, while several other counties bid successfully for unitary status, Dorset didn't even try. And now they talk about saving us money.

And set that £3million against the si-

multaneous service cuts and of course the millions still being lavished on WDDC's grandiose flagship project in central Dorchester.

The formation of the Dorset Waste Partnership and the sharing - albeit piecemeal - of services by WDDC and WPBC are in effect a tacit admission that these separate bodies are unnecessary, unfit for purpose and poor value for money. Their continued existence is increasingly difficult to justify.

Eighty five per cent of my council tax bill is split between the county (68 per cent), town (10 per cent) and district (seven per cent) councils, each with its own administration, premises, staff and councillors, and its own portfolio of services. But does any taxpayer truly care who does what, as long as it gets done?

Which of these three levels of government could we easily live without? Come on, district and borough councils! Reallocate your little portfolio between county and town and disappear quietly, saving us some serious money and giving us all something to really smile about. And the sooner the better.

Until then, we taxpayers are being treated as fools.

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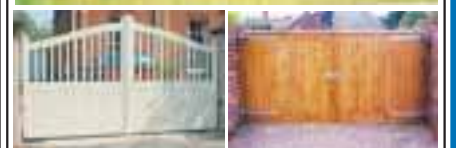
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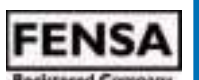
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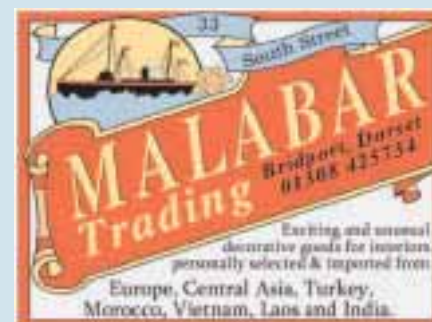
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When it comes to decorating, poring over paint charts is undoubtedly one of the most exciting things, and the moment when you first take the lid off that tin of paint is even better. Colour can create moods, and even, many people believe, improve your mental well-being.

Choice

It doesn't seem that long ago that the choice for colour was either magnolia or 'tint with a hint'. Nowadays there are endless possibilities and, as with clothes, the major companies bring out new colours each season. One minute acid green is all the rage, the next it's the 'new neutrals'. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the choice. Even sticking to tried and tested white can have its pitfalls.

Pitfalls

You may know exactly which colours you want to use but you can still hit a stumbling block. Why

does the colour that looked so great in the tin look insipid and lifeless on the walls? What's more, you've spent hours trying to get everything to match exactly, but your room has just ended up looking bland.

Colour schemes

Planning and carrying out your own colour schemes is easy once you understand the principles of colour. Interior designers often seem to have a built-in instinct for what goes with what, and it's true, relying on your instincts and playing around is one of the best ways of learning. But although paint is relatively cheap, doing out a whole room with soft furnishings and accessories only to realise it doesn't work, can be an expensive mistake. Designers have been trained and many use a simple colour wheel to make sure their designs are going to work.

If you're confused about colour, follow our simple rules and you need never leave colour to chance again. And once you know the

rules, have fun breaking them.

Colour is a deeply personal thing - what makes you swoon, might make someone else sick. If you've ever wondered why you feel listless in your lounge or happy in your hall, delve into colour psychology.



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PINE AT THE PALACE

Top saxophonist
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the gigs

Saturday 5 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
AfterLife
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Real World
9.30pm

Sunday 6 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at the Crown
4-6pm

Thursday 10 April
No.6 Restaurant, North Square,
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Saturday 12 April
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
**Southern Tenant Folk
Union**
8pm. £10/£9

Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Rag Mama Rag
Doors 7.30pm. £13/£11/£6.50
adv £14/£12/£7 door

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
BarraCoodas
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Design
9.30pm

Sunday 13 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Nina Garcia
4-6pm

Saturday 19 April
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
**Buddy Holly and The
Cricketers**

Doors 7.45pm.
£13.50, £11.50 concs.

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Powercut
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Grouvecat
9.30pm

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Kinky Ukelele Workshop
10am-1pm or 12-3pm. £17.50.

Sunday 20 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
**A Tribute To Elvis - Tim
Bassett**
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Angelina
4pm

Monday 21 April
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
West & Black
4pm

Tuesday 22 April
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
The Bucky-Don'ts
1.30pm. Free admission.

Wednesday 23 April
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Moulettes
+ support from Kate Young
7.30pm
£9+bf adv / £11 door.

COURTNEY PINE BLOWS INTO BRIDPORT

Top saxophonist returns to the Electric Palace

AFTER sell out gigs in 2013, the Electric Palace will once again welcome Courtney Pine for a dance-inducing Caribbean-inspired event. This will be Courtney's only gig in the Southwest, so a big crowd is expected. No musician more embodies the dramatic transformation in the British jazz scene over the past twenty + years than Courtney Pine C.B.E. The ground breaking, multi-instrumentalist has led a generation of exciting and innovative players who have broadened their styles to take jazz out to a wider audience.

Fresh from sell out shows across the US, Canada and Europe, headline slots at Festival, Love Supreme and Greenbelt Festivals here in the UK, Courtney in back touring his critically acclaimed House of Legends set. This, his 15th studio album to date sees Courtney return to the instrument he is best known for - the Saxophone and features his soprano sax exclusively for the first time.

Deeply steeped in

the traditions of the Caribbean, this very personal project sees Courtney on top form, bringing together musicians from Africa, the Caribbean and Europe for vibrant exchanges that tell tales of life from a truly multi-cultural view point.

Expect an exhilarating mix of Merengue, Ska, Mento and Calypso as played through the lens (saxophone) of a UK born artist with strong, proud Afro-Caribbean roots. More information about the event can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk

Courtney Pine



Buddy Holly and The Cricketers

THE breathtaking Buddy Holly and The Cricketers show has rock 'n' rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California, Barking to Bangkok and Swindon to Sweden, and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music and dancing in the aisles.

It stars some of the finest actor-musicians in the UK whose combined West End credits include *Buddy, Lennon, Forbidden Planet* and *Jailhouse Rock*, and was endorsed as Britain's most popular Buddy Holly act when the boys guested on BBC One's Saturday night live programme, "The One and Only", hosted by Graham Norton.

Buddy Holly and The Cricketers perform at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 19th, with doors opening 7.45pm, and the band onstage at 8.30pm.

Tickets cost £13.50 (full) and £11.50 (concessions), and are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.



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REAL WORLD

Saturday 12th April
DESIGN

Saturday 19th April
GROUVECAT

Sunday 20th April, 4pm
ANGELINA

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FLAMENCO GUITARIST PERFORMS AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

THERE will be a special lunchtime concert at Dorset County Museum on Thursday, April 10th.

Talented flamenco guitarist Roger Cox will perform a Lecture-Recital at the Museum, combining a discussion of the history and meaning of Flamenco with guitar performances of the music. There

will also be a display of photographs and texts about the history of Flamenco to accompany the event.

Roger has been playing flamenco guitar for 25 years and is always happy to share his love of this dramatic music and the Andalusian tradition that is its

lifeblood.

The concert will last approximately one hour and is free to attend. Everyone is welcome and to cover costs, a small donation of £3 is requested. The concert will take place in the Museum's Victorian Gallery at 1pm on Thursday, April 10th.

RAG MAMA RAG TO ROUND-OFF THE DORCHESTER ARTS BLUES SPRING SERIES

DORCHESTER Arts are joined by husband and wife duo Rag Mama Rag to finish the DA Blues Spring series in foot-stomping style. Regarded as one of Europe's finest country blues acts, the core of their repertoire is 1920s and 30s blues, but they also play Mississippi Blues, East Coast Ragtime sounds, early White Country tunes, plus original compositions. Their musical talents include guitar, ukulele, washboard and harmonica - join us for one of the high-

lights of the season!

Tickets for the show on Saturday, April 12th at Dorchester Arts Centre are available from the box office on 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. Tickets costs £13/£6.50 (for under 18s/NUS cardholders) in advance, or £14/£7 (for under 18s/NUS) on the door, and senior citizens £11 advance, £12 on the door.

Internationally renowned theatre company comes to the Marine Theatre

THE phenomenon that is Propeller needs no introduction in the theatre world, creating and performing outstanding Shakespearean theatre on a worldwide scale to continuous rave reviews and huge critical acclaim. Notably known for their accomplished mission to educate audiences and expand people's knowledge of Shakespeare's writing via a rigorous approach to the text with a modern physical aesthetic, this all-male company work under the direction of the illustrious Edward Hall (also Artistic Director at the Hampstead Theatre and Associate Director at the National Theatre) to deliver accessible and excellent performances. Their latest venture of Henry V toured globally and is soon to be re-created at the Marine Theatre in a pocket, 60-minute reimagining on Friday, April 4th, at 8pm.

Pocket Henry tells the heroic tale of England's greatest warrior. Watch how Henry V prepares to lead England into battle against a mighty French opponent with his band of brave, loyal brothers. Sharp English weapons combine with Shakespeare's noble words to bring our history to life in this pocket-sized show. In a world where loyalty and courage are put to the test, will Henry V and England prevail and win the day?

Ideal for theatre lovers, young audiences and for those of you currently studying Shakespeare, this lively and brilliant cast are an absolute must-see! There will also be a Q&A session with cast members following the performance.

The show comes to The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, April 4th at 8pm. Tickets are £14 (full price) and £12 (concessions), and to book tickets, call TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com



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AWARD WINNING BRIDPORT MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS SHOWSTOPPERS 3

BRIDPORT Musical Theatre Company, who have recently been awarded a NODA South West District Achievement award, and also nominated for the Best Musical Production in the South West for their 2013 production of

"Thoroughly Modern Millie", are back on the Bridport Arts Centre stage with their sparkling production of "Showstoppers 3". This will be an evening of song and dance featuring some of the best loved hits from musicals of Broadway and the

West End with performances on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, and

Friday 18th April starting at 7.30 pm. This lively, energetic and talented company known for their first class musical theatre productions promises you an evening of great entertainment not to be missed.

Tickets prices are £10 and £8.50 for students and under 18s and are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office, telephone 01308 424204 or book online at www.bridport-arts.com



The cast of Showstoppers 3

ELVIS vs JERRY LEE LEWIS: THE SHOWDOWN

ROCK n' Roll fans are in for a big night when The Showdown comes to the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Friday, April 11th. The fast moving show features two breathtaking performers Dave B (Elvis) and Peter Gill (Jerry Lee Lewis) supported by the Buddy Presley Band. Who was the real king of Rock n' Roll? Elvis the pelvis? or The Killer - Jerry Lee Lewis? This is your opportunity as the two come head to head.

Be excited once more by the sheer energy of Elvis' hits such as 'Hound Dog', 'All Shook Up', 'Don't Be Cruel' and 'Teddy Bear', and Jerry Lee Lewis' such as 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Whole Lotta Shakin' and 'High Street Confidential'. Dave B and Peter Gill remind us all why Rock n' Roll will never die. Then when the show is over you choose who was the true king and invite them back for a final curtain call.

Tickets for the Showdown £13.50p. /£15 on the door from Dorchester TIC 01305 267992, Bridport TIC on 01308 424901, or from the hotline on 01392 411194.

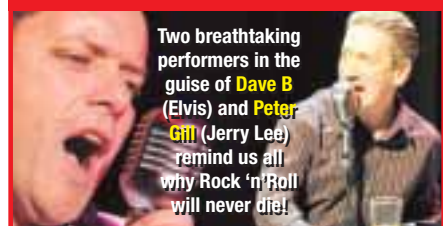


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WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND

MARTINSTOWN: Chair Based Exercises for the older person 11.15am - 12.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall. £5 per class. All Welcome. A nice exercise with strengthening & stretching and lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

DORCHESTER: The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) will be shown at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester, 4 Prince of Wales Road (DT1 1PW).

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ Club Concert with Elizabeth Harrison. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concerts 7.30pm. Membership £4 per year. Concert admission: members £7, visitors £8.

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 50+. 3pm - 4.30pm at the WI Hall George Street, West Bay. £5 per class. All Welcome. A good workout (no floor) with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

BEAMINSTER: Organ recital at St.Mary's Church, Beaminster at 3.00pm. by Glen Dempsey, currently the Organ Scholar at St. George's Chapel,Windsor. He has recently won the Organ Scholarship to St.John's College, Cambridge. Programme to include works by J.S.Bach, Schumann,Mendelssohn and Flor Peeters. Tickets £12 on the door,from Yarn Barton,Beaminster or Bridport Music.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Bowls Club Coffee Morning. Various stalls and raffle, 10am-12noon at the Club House, Priory Lane.

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society Easter concert at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' and seasonal works by Howard Goodall, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Edward Elgar. Tickets £12 (free for under-16s) available on the door.

LODERS: Bumper Jumble Sale at Lodgers Village Hall, 10am-12noon. Refreshments and plenty of parking. Admission 50p. Helping Charlie and Joe with their fundraising for a Borneo expedition in 2015 with Camps International and Colfox School. For more details or donations of jumble call 01308 427210

SEATON: Seaton Tennis Open Day. 9.30am-4.30pm (junior programme in the morning, adult programme in the afternoon. Everyone welcome. At Seaton Cricket & Law Tennis Club, Court Lane (EX12 2AR)

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH - SUNDAY JULY 6TH

BEAMINSTER: Water: shaping life along the River Brit - Exhibition. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road, DT8 3NB. For more details call 01308 863577 or visit www.beaminstermuseum.org. Museum Opening Times: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 10.30am - 1.00pm, 2.00pm - 4.30pm Sundays: 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Admission £2; Students (16 and over £1); Accompanied Children (Under 16) Free

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

BEAMINSTER: 'Rubbish!' - Exhibition. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road, DT8 3NB. For more details call 01308 863577 or visit www.beaminstermuseum.org. Museum Opening Times: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 10.30am - 1.00pm, 2.00pm - 4.30pm Sundays: 2.00pm - 4.30pm. Admission £2; Students (16 and over £1); Accompanied Children (Under 16) Free

MONDAY APRIL 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport The Annual General Meeting of the Bridport & District Branch of the RNLI will be held at The Haddon House Hotel, West Bay, at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Visitors are most welcome to attend. Information from Jim on 01308 421021

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 40+, from 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall, North Street. £5 per class. All welcome. A good workout with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886

DORCHESTER: U3A Monthly Meeting including an illustrated talk on the topical issue of 'I.K. Brunel - Victorian Engineer'. Hobbies table to display Corgi or Dinky cars etc. Refreshments available. Limited parking. All retired / semi-retired welcome. At Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road, 10am-12noon. For more details call 01305 250347.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442

TUESDAY APRIL 8TH

BRIDPORT: Jane Ferentzi Sheppard will hold a Show and Tell about relatives in WW1, at Bridport United Church Main Hall from 2.30pm. Please bring your memories and photos etc. All welcome. Visitors £2.50.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9TH

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THURSDAY APRIL 10TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'Dorset's Unique Landscapes'. An illustrated talk by Tony Bates, distinguished photographer and President of Dorset Wildlife Trust. Thursday 10th April at 7.30 pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward Col-

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6.00-7.15pm **SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)**
6.30-7.30pm **CIRCUITS**
7.45-8.30pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**

TUESDAY
6.30-7.30pm **ZUMBA**

WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm **GYMNASTICS**
6.00-6.45pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**
6.00-7.00pm **BFI RUNNING CLUB**
7.00-8.00pm **BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB**
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lege near Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall at 2.15pm. Talk by Jan Shaw 'Supporting Poor Filipino Children'. £1 admission, includes tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 259755.

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Phil Wells Competition; Triptych of 3 related images. At Woodmead Halls, from 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or visit www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 50+. 3pm - 4.30pm at the WI Hall George Street, West Bay. £5 per class. All Welcome. A good workout (no floor) with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall, (Next to the Church), Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: Monthly meeting of Weymouth & Portland U3A. Speaker Dr Anne Collier, a historian and writer 'Weymouth & the New World: from Raleigh to Religion' at St Aldhelms Church Centre, Spa Road. From 10am.

CHARMOUTH: Shannon Turner at Royal Oak from 9pm. Free entry.

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH

BRIDPORT: Coffee morning and stalls for cakes, bric-a-brac, books and a raffle at Bridport United Church hall from 10am to 12noon. Organised by the Friends of West Dorset Music.

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence Dancing at the village hall, 8-10.30pm. £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

CHARMOUTH: Royal British Legion, Womens Section, Charmouth Branch. Easter Coffee Morning with stalls at the Village Hall, Wesley Close. 10am-12noon. Admission £1 to include Tea or Coffee. Everybody Welcome.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Gift & Craft Fair at St Mary's Hall, South Street. 9am-2pm. Free entry. Over 20 stall-holders/crafts people selling a wide variety of goodies for all tastes and ages. Bacon rolls, coffee, tea and homemade cakes available at bargain price. Pop along and see us. Also Charity tombola for Julia's House Childrens' hospice. Info from 07807728361

SUNDAY APRIL 13TH

BRIDPORT: Eastern European and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St., DT6 3QP. 12.30-2.30pm, entry free. Musicians welcome, plus dancers of any ability - no experience needed; some dances may be walked through from midday. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442 (mecki1@yahoo.co.uk)

MONDAY APRIL 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'Saving Mr Banks' (cert PG) at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from 01308 862796, or email jeanowen@uwclub.net, or £5.50 on the door.

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BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. Note, no dance on Easter Monday, April 21st.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated talk at Highlands End Leisure Centre, at 2.30pm. Speaker: Ms Linda Smith on 'Power Propaganda & Men in Tights: English Art under the tudors'. For more details call 01297 443615.

The Ropewalk Fair

A celebration of Bridport's Rope and Net Industry

THIS spring local organisations, employers and volunteers are joining forces to hold Bridport's first ever event celebrating its rope making heritage and net making future.

Bridport's place in the landscape and the layout of its streets and long gardens lay testament to its rope making heritage. Today, its net makers are still at the forefront of design, production and innovation; the Bridport name is linked with nets from Wembley to Wimbledon, aviation and defence to children's play areas.

The Ropewalk Fair will be a community event that will, over the weekend of May 10th-11th, host a whole range of activities including sporting challenges, heritage walks, lively talks and discussions, skill sharing, live music and much, much more.

Saturday will revolve around talks, walks, music and exhibitions in the town, whilst Sunday will be the main event – a family fair with lots of stalls, activities and food, all themed around rope and net – form a team for the tug of war, try your hand at spinning rope or trace your family's rope-making past.

Organisers are keen to rope in as many people as possible to get involved with the weekend and build up. So if you have an idea for a stall, game or activity based on the Fair's rope and net theme or would like to become an event sponsor, then they'd love to hear from you.

Fantastic line-up for Dorchester Festival

THE 11th biennial Dorchester Festival will take place over the late May Bank Holiday weekend 2014 (May 22nd-26th). It has become one of the town's most anticipated and cherished celebrations, attracting thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds from a wide area to a high-quality, diverse programme of theatre, music, dance, comedy and community arts in both indoor and outdoor settings.

This year's festival will see a feast of talent from near and far, with some of the best of our local performers as well as some outstanding internationally renowned musicians, comedians and entertainers.

Highlights of the 2014 programme will include:

- A 3-day programme of **free entertainment and activities in Borough Gardens** featuring music, dance, installations, walk-about performers, family fun, workshops, food and market stalls, and a bar.
- The wildly exciting **RSVP Bhangra** band



who will lead the parade through Dorchester town centre on Saturday, May 24th and then perform in the Borough Gardens.

- The Dorset premiere of a **new play about Martha Brown**, whose hanging in Dorchester was a major influence on the writing of Thomas Hardy, performed by Angel Exit Theatre Company.

- **The Beat** – the massively popular ska band from Birmingham who fuse ska, pop, soul, reggae and punk rock – will headline on Monday, May 26th in Dorchester's Corn Exchange.

- Late-night stand up comedy from **Laurence Clarke**, writer, actor, presenter and disability rights campaigner who performs his darkly comic show 'Inspired'.

- An exhibition at Dorchester Arts Centre by award-winning painter **Fernando Velazquez** as part of Dorset Art Weeks.

- An **acoustic café** in the Borough Gardens featuring some of the best local young musicians and spoken word performers.

- **Children's theatre** from Birdsnest Theatre.
- **Talks and literary events** for adults and children

- Pop-up events around the town

♦ The Dorchester Festival is organised by Dorchester Arts with the backing of Arts Council England, West Dorset District Council and Dorchester Town Council.

For more information about the festival, or for ways you can get involved, contact Dorchester Arts' Artistic Director Mark Tattersall on 01305 266926, email mark@dorchesterarts.org.uk, or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

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Thu: 14.05

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Fri: 20.00, Sat-Thu: 16.50, 20.00
Sat, Sun, Wed: 13.25, 16.40, 19.50
Philomena 12A Thu: 10.30am

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Captain America: The Winter Soldier 12A

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Muppets Most Wanted U

Daily: 10.10, 11.15, 12.20, 13.50, 16.25 (excluding Thu: 12.20)

The Grand Budapest Hotel 15

Fri, Sat: 19.00, Sun: 18.25, Mon-Wed: 20.05, Thu: 14.45

Starred Up 18

Fri, Sat: 21.20, Sun-Wed: 20.45

Need For Speed 12A

Fri-Sun: 20.45, Mon-Wed: 17.15

Justin & The Nights of Valour PG

Fri-Sun: 10.15am

Frozen PG

Sat: 10.45am

Divergent 12A

Fri-Sun: 12.30, 14.15, 17.15, 18.15, 20.15, 21.15

(Excluding Sun: 18.15)

Mon-Thu: 11.45, 14.15, 17.15,

19.00, 20.15

Rio 2 U

Daily: 10.45, 12.10, 13.10, 14.35, 15.35, 17.00, 18.00, 19.30

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20.15 (Excluding Thu: 15.45)

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Thu: 18.00, 21.15

This week's new cinema releases

DIVERGENT 12A

IN a world divided by factions based on virtues, Tris learns she's Divergent and won't fit in. When she discovers a plot to destroy Divergents, Tris and the mysterious Four must find out what makes Divergents dangerous before it's too late.

Stars Shailene Woodley, Theo James and Kate Winslet

NOAH 12A

A MAN is chosen by God to undertake a momentous mission of rescue before an apocalyptic flood destroys the world.

Stars Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly and Anthony Hopkins.

RIO 2 PG

IT'S a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids after they're hur-

tled Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all: his father-in-law.

Voices from Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg and Rodrigo Santoro.

THE DOUBLE 15

A comedy centered on a man who is driven insane by the appearance of his doppelganger.

Stars Jesse Eisenberg, Mia Wasikowska, and Chris O'Dowd.

THE MOTEL LIFE 15

A pair of working-class brothers flee their Reno Motel after getting involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident.

Stars Emile Hirsch, Stephen Dorff, Kris Kristofferson and Dakota Fanning.

#Letter365 – a year in the making

WE all like getting letters. Bradpole artist David Smith will be sending a letter a day to Bridport Arts Centre, for a whole year!

It's all part of an art project, entitled *#Letter365*, that will gradually unfold over the coming 12 months. Working in conjunction with Bridport Arts Centre, David will create a unique artwork each and every day for a year with the accumulated work being exhibited as an installation in the Art Centre's Allsop Gallery in March 2015.

Before the end of each day David will seal his work in an envelope and arrange for it's delivery to the Arts Centre by post or other means, where it will remain unopened and unseen until the exhibition. The unfolding process will be documented on a blog www.letter365.co.uk.

"I am very excited to be working with Bridport Arts Centre on this major piece of work" says David. "It will be fascinating to see how the pieces vary across the year, reflecting the changes of the seasons and the influences around me. I am interested in the interplay between order and chaos, and this very structured process is bound to get affected in interesting ways during the year."

People will be invited to invest in the project and the individual pieces will be for sale – sight unseen. There will also be some additional events around the project to make it accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Polly Gifford, Artistic Director of Bridport Arts Centre, says "This was certainly one of the most

unusual exhibition proposals I've had but also one of the most interesting and I'm sure it will make a fascinating show. It will be an act of collective will for us not to open any of the envelopes as they gather in a box at the Arts Centre!"

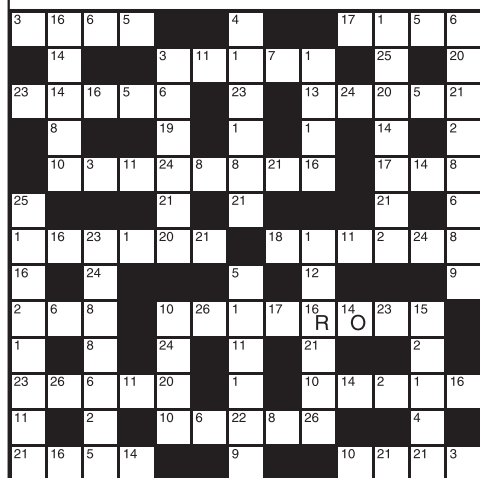
David has proved that he can manage the discipline of a daily creative deadline: for the last year he has been creating a collage every day which gets posted on Twitter before midnight, @DavidSmithArt, and later on his blog www.scissorsandglue.co.uk. A selection of these pieces will be exhibited in the foyer and café at Bridport Arts Centre in November and December this year.

Brain Gym

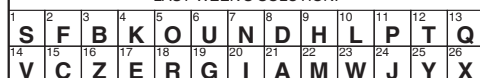
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

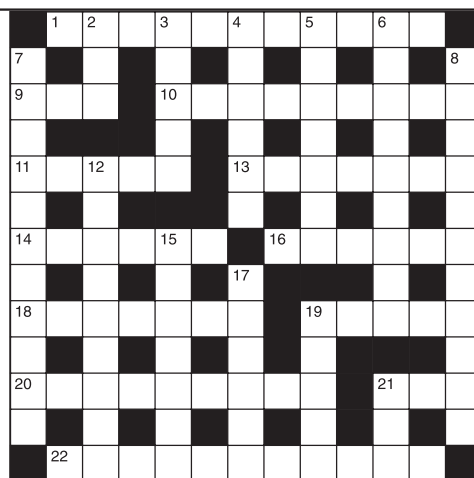
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Standard features of many thoroughfares (6-5)
9. Sister who stays in a singular state (3)
10. Those chosen rode with the conductor (9)
11. Insist on only what is right? (5)
13. Jack Brown's popular in Scotland (7)
14. Time when all assets were frozen (3,3)
16. Discovers Eastern secret agents (6)
18. Inane is another way of putting this (7)
19. Different names for a minister's house (5)
20. Sid cheats perhaps and is punished (9)
21. So unhealthy sounding (3)
22. No more stars for star-gazers (11)

Down

2. Not up to 100 mph? (3)
3. Not inclined to build (5)
4. Not a musical score (6)
5. Dresses at first then grows weary (7)
6. Trying time for a beginner (9)
7. What is left (11)
8. Doggedness is derived from its presence (11)
12. They're a blend of the main races (9)
15. Proverbially it's not an indication of gold (7)
17. Time to make things palatable (6)
19. Either way, it's a mode of address (5)
21. One may be entitled to be called it (3)



Quick Clues:

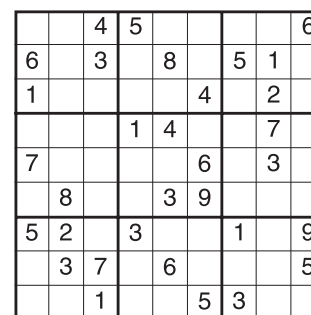
Across

1. Ruling (11)
9. Single (3)
10. Specific (9)
11. Male duck (5)
13. Correspondence (7)
14. Lure (6)
16. Oration (6)
18. Compunction (7)
19. Blackboard support (5)
20. Disentangle (9)
21. Colour (3)
22. Unthankfulness (11)

Down

2. Regret (3)
3. Evade (5)
4. Deaden sound (6)
5. Unceasing (3,4)
6. Dignity (9)
7. Unfeeling (4,7)
8. Tenant (11)
12. Robot (9)
15. Bearer (7)
17. Leave (6)
19. Bring to bear (5)
21. Concealed (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	2	3	1	5	9	8	4	7
1	9	8	4	2	7	3	6	5
5	4	7	8	3	6	9	1	2
3	7	2	6	1	4	5	8	9
9	6	5	2	8	3	4	7	1
8	1	4	7	9	5	6	2	3
7	5	1	9	4	8	2	3	6
2	8	9	3	6	1	7	5	4
4	3	6	5	7	2	1	9	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Miss; 3 Illusory; 9 Tedious; 10 Filly; 11 Disinherited; 13 Retire; 15 Accrue; 17 Empty protest; 20 Crown; 21 Incense; 22 Refusing; 23 Digs. Down: 1 Matadors; 2 Sides; 4 Lasses; 5 Unfair choice; 6 Outwear; 7 Yo-yo; 8 Corner stones; 12 Meatless; 14 Time off; 16 Option; 18 Ennui; 19 Scar. QUICK - Across: 1 Sewn; 3 Acquired; 9 Propose; 10 Defer; 11 Highland reel; 13 Refund; 15 Blithe; 17 Combinations; 20 Limbo; 21 Elector; 22 Sunshine; 23 Onus. Down: 1 Sapphire; 2 Wrong; 4 Cleans; 5 Underclothes; 6 Reflect; 7 Dare; 8 Polling booth; 12 Censures; 14 Footman; 16 Indeed; 18 Often; 19 Plus.

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Semi detached property needing sympathetic modernisation



A SEMI-DETACHED three bedroom cottage needing sympathetic modernisation and offering much character. The property, which has gardens and paddock of circa one and a half acres, has a number of workshops which could easily offer extension possibilities. Pitts Farm is believed to date back to 1760 and is one of Corscombe's most historic properties. We are informed it was one of the village's old pubs and bakeries. The character features include beamed ceilings and timber flooring, open fireplaces, wonderful flagstone floors particularly in the out-buildings, attractive low ceilings on the ground floor and much more. The property has the benefit of LPG central heating, and as previously mentioned offers huge extension possibilities particularly with the three large workshops which are attached to the main house. One of the real features of this property is not

only the good sized gardens within which it stands, but also the significant parking for 8 - 10 vehicles and double garage.

The village of Corscombe is situated off the A356 Crewkerne to Dorchester road. Corscombe has a thriving community with a church, village hall, playgroup and playground and "The Fox" public house.

The picturesque small town of Beaminster is within 5 miles. It offers many facilities, including a good range of shops, churches, post office, library, two schools, health centre, dentist, other professional services and many social and sporting activities. This property has good sized lawned gardens and also a really useful paddock. Flower beds and borders. LPG gas tank, a number of conifer trees, timber Workshop etc. According to Promap, these gardens extend to approximately 1.52 acres, however if land is specifically important to

you, it is imperative that you or your legal advisers undertake the necessary investigations as Symonds and Sampson cannot be held responsible for a third party's information.

There is a small area of shared driveway to the side of the property which leads to a large area of parking for 8 - 10 vehicles which in turn leads to a Detached Double Garage with up and over doors.

Services: LPG central heating. Mains drainage and water.

This properties guide price is £425,000.

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Rachael James says, "It is a great honour and privilege to be invited into the Partnership and my appointment reflects the hard work and dedication that the whole of the lettings team have achieved. We have lettings offices in Dorchester, Blandford, Salisbury, Sturminster Newton, Yeovil, Bridport and Axminster and every year the portfolio that we manage on behalf of our clients increases dramatically. I firmly believe that the professional attitude, all of our main lettings staff are ARLA qualified and the attention to detail puts us well above any other firm in the region whilst the London Office is a significant contributor to our success in letting some of the larger

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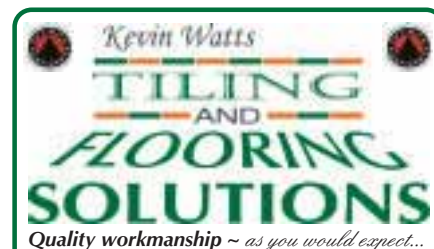
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Budget 2014: Property Sharing Experts view

Steve Moir, chairman of the Property Sharing Experts network of nearly 80 estate agency offices throughout the South West, comments on Budget 2014, which was announced by Chancellor George Osborne on 19th March...

While Budget 2014 revealed nothing particularly spectacular or shocking for the property industry, there were some interesting points. Probably the most substantial factor to affect the market, predominantly in London, is the change in Stamp Duty for 'corporate' purchasers, who now have to pay the 15% tax on homes costing over £500,000 – a figure which was previously £2m. Reportedly, agents in the capital had a few manic hours trying to get deals pushed through or re-negotiated in the short time-frame between the announcement and its implementation at mid-night on Wednesday. More significant for us

here in the South West is the extension of the Help to Buy scheme for new homes, until 2020. This will only bolster confidence in the market and encourage developers to build more homes, which will go some way towards helping ease the housing shortage. Meanwhile, the continuing low interest rates are helping buyers get onto and move up the housing ladder. We are seeing increasing numbers of buyers from the South East looking to release the capital in their homes and move to the Westcountry – a pattern that is likely to continue to grow.

It would have been nice to see Stamp Duty thresholds change, particularly the 3% at £250,000, which is now affecting many very ordinary properties. It would have made a considerable difference to the market if this had been increased to say, £300,000 and we hope this will be considered in the future. Aside of the property market, it's fantastic that the Government plans to spend an extra £140m on flood defence repairs and maintenance. And it's great that it has made available £200m to fix potholes – there are so many roads badly af-

ected though, I wonder if this might just be a drop in the ocean! Other welcome news is that of an increase in the earnings amount to £10,500 before paying Income Tax and the abolition of a rise in fuel duty, which was planned for September. I'm looking forward to seeing the new 12-sided £1 coin – sounds interesting!

To contact your nearest office, please call Fortnam Smith and Banwell Lyme Regis on 01297 445666 or Charmouth on 01297 560945 or can also visit www.fsb4homes.com.



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LYME REGIS £650 PCM

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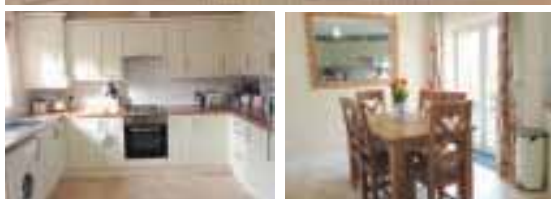
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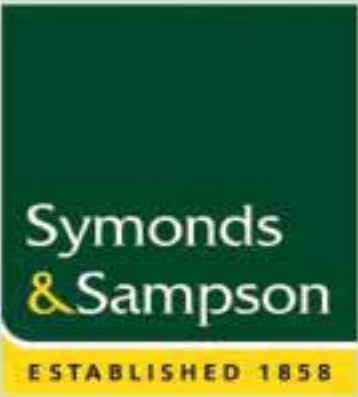
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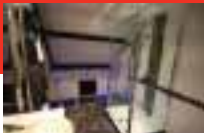
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The popular Alto SZ model will continue to be available from £5,999 which represents a £1,200 customer saving on list price. Splash 1.0-litre SZ2 is available from £7,999, Swift 1.2 SZ2 three door at £8,999 and the SX4 1.6 SZ3 available for £10,495.

Suzuki is also continuing its flexible PCP (Personal Contract Purchase) offers until the end of June. Alto SZ is available for a deposit of £869 followed by 1 payment of £125 then 41 monthly payments of £99 with the option to pay a final balloon payment of £2,235 at the end of the agreement to keep the car.

Alto offers very low cost of ownership with no annual road tax to pay thanks to emissions of 99g/km, combined fuel consumption of 65.7mpg and an insurance group rating of 4E.

Moving up the small car range to the Splash SZ2 1.0-litre, the latest PCP offer requires a low deposit of £929 followed by 48 monthly payments of £125 and an optional final payment of £2,883.

The good news also continues for Swift buyers; as an example, the SZ2 three door at £8,999 remains available for a deposit of only £156 followed by 42 monthly payments of £156 and an optional final payment of £3,683. The PCP offers include the latest model Swift 1.3 DDiS which has CO2 emissions of just 101g/km and offers 72.4mpg on the combined cycle.

At the top of the Swift range, the recently enhanced, award winning 1.6-litre Sport three

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The SX4 S-Cross range is available from £14,999 and there are a range of finance options to help buyers find a payment option that suits them; including a new enhancement on Driveplan PCP making all DDiS models available for the same deposit and monthly payment as an equivalent petrol version.

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CRICKET

Stumpy goes back to Africa

PORTLAND cricketer and Dorset coach Grant Neven has just returned from his second trip to Uganda where he was a team leader as part of the Cricket Without Boundaries (CWB) project to raise awareness on AIDS and to coach local people to play cricket.

Once again, Stumpy as he is known, had a brilliant time and sent us some snippets from his diary:

"A typical day began with one large class of 60 children emerging for their PE lesson where they were taught cricket by the CWB coaches.

"However this was small in comparison to the number of children that arrived for their morning break, all eager to learn and play cricket.

"The team, whilst not running an official session, had 20 minutes to try to entertain and educate them and split off into several groups doing various different activities.

"Tasks ranged from catching, batting, dancing and simply just belting a ball in the air for someone to catch.

"Their enthusiasm was unrecognisable from anything seen back home. Simply the sight of tennis ball's was enough for some, let alone having the opportunity to touch, catch or hit it.

"I would say the 20 minutes flew by, but by the end of it some of the team were looking like they'd been out there all day; a real introduction for the seven CWB debutants on the trip."

"There followed a session with 15 school coaches followed by another coaching session with two schools at midday each with 80 pupils.

"After a quick introduction from the head teacher at Gulu Public School the children were educated about the reasons behind CWB before they were taught the skills which following a request from a teacher ended with a dance from the CWB team whilst the kids sang an ABC song!

"The Ugandan youngsters are amazing. They are absolute naturals at throwing, catching and fielding, and also have a tough competitive streak and like to win.

"At St Joseph we did a bowling drill with a hard

ball and at times the ball would go crashing into their shins with no hint of anguish.

"After lunch we panicked when we were confronted by around 300 children for their next session, but thankfully a teacher turned up and dispersed the crowd back to their lessons whilst a group of around 50 remained.

"Following two hours of fun and key messages being delivered the kids departed for the day and the team retreated to the hotel.

"The following day we moved to Arua Hill Primary school for some catch education; the teachers who had attended the previous day delivering the session brilliantly, integrating cricket skills with ABC messages with ease.

"After lunch we headed off to Muni Secondary school with a group of 40 newly arrived Sudanese girls, who were introduced into our beautiful game.

"A lot of ABC's were incorporated, for which it was pleasing to see the girls had a good understanding of."

Stumpy went on to describe how 52 excited children had managed to get aboard a bus to attend a session for a round robin with the cricket ground a sea of colour, noise and enthusiasm.

"Some of the talent on show was unbelievable with some big hitting, brilliant bowling and fantastic fielding."

A presentation then followed, with each team receiving CWB shirts and wristbands along with some tennis balls for the school.

The winners Anyafo primary, led by teacher Mr Godi, received a kit bag full of Kwik Cricket kit, while teachers were given a new cricket shirt each.

Once finished it was back to the hotel to pick up their bags before a 375km drive to the next stop Lira.

● CWB has three main goals: To spread cricket through coaching children and teaching adults how to coach; to link the sport to HIV/AIDS awareness and incorporate these messages into coaching sessions; and to bring together and empower local communities through cricket.



■ Stumpy at the Ugandan National Cricket Stadium

BASKETBALL

Hornets humbled by smarting Raiders

**Weymouth Raiders 75
Hamble Hornets 72**

WEYMOUTH went into this game against Solent Men's Division Four league leaders Hamble Hornets low in confidence, after a crushing defeat by the bottom club in the cup.

The game started very slowly with both teams missing easy layups, before the game sparking into life with the Hornets scoring two consecutive baskets without reply.

Jake Kinder and Josh Turner responded by scoring all Weymouth's points in the first quarter

to leave them just two points down at 15-13.

The second quarter started in a similar vein with Hornets scoring two free throws out of four, before Weymouth started to play and became more efficient on the offence, but still weren't playing help side defence.

But with MVP Jay Wilson, **pictured right**, and Alex Legg in free scoring mode they both hit three pointers and with help from Turner and Kinder kept the scoreboard ticking over to finish the first half of the game 36-30 up.

Weymouth did quite well in the

third quarter but the Hornets started to get their rhythm back.

Weymouth rallied again when Holden was called for a foul that wasn't, and with Wilson, Kinder, Thompson and Turner all scoring in what was a very competitive quarter, and with each team trading off three-pointers against each other, Weymouth edged it 20-18 to lead 56-48.

Both teams tired and made more mistakes in the fourth quarter which made fast breaks more likely with a loss of concentration in defence and Hornets took full advantage of the very tired Raiders

defence. Alas this was not enough as Weymouth having done enough in the first three quarters held on to merit the 75-72 victory.

Coach Josh Turner said after the game: "I am over the moon to have gained such an important win. The lads played very well and I hope this is the catalyst for more victories for the remainder of the season."

Scorers/Roster: Jake Kinder 21, Josh Turner 19, Jay Wilson 15, Alex Legg 13, Jerry Thompson 4, Scott White 3, Matt Clarke Williams, Steve Reece, Kyle Holden and Robert Legg.



YOUTH RUGBY

First 'Play in the Park' a success

DORCHESTER Rugby Club's initiative to encourage more ladies and girls to take up rugby through the 'Scrum & Try' Initiative was hailed a great success by lead coach Nathan Parker.

The first session of three held at The Great Field at Poundbury on March 23rd with seven new recruits joining five current players.

Girls aged 12 to 16 participated in a light warm-up, fol-

lowed by a game of touch rugby, under the watchful eyes of club coaches, who were on hand to offer advice and tips.

All the girls and coaches thoroughly enjoyed the experience having lots of fun throughout the one and half hour session.

With two more similar sessions to follow, DRFC Girls are hoping that more girls will accept the invitation to come and join in the fun, completely free of charge. The next session

will be held at Kings Road Park on April 13th between 2pm and 3.30pm, with the final one at Salisbury Field in the town centre on May 18th at the same times.

Nathan Parker, Lead Coach DRFC Girls Youth Section said: "If you're a parent or a guardian of a young lady looking for a challenge, look no further than the 'Scrum & Try Initiative - Play in the Park'. For more information please do not hesitate to contact me - after 6pm - on 07818 055395."

INDOOR CRICKET

Another successful indoor cricket year

The 2013/2014 West Dorset Youth Indoor Cricket League celebrated a highly competitive and successful season with its Celebration and Presentation Day at The Osprey Leisure Centre on Saturday, March 22nd.

The day began with Youth League Organiser Grant Neven taking the assembled youth team members through a warm up, before two T20 matches involving players from all the clubs involved in this year's competition.

In the first, the 'Run Outs' batted first but found runs hard to come by against some accurate bowling and sharp fielding. Having limped to 46 for 1, Portland's Charles Durrant cleaned bowled two batsmen in one over as 'Beastmould' seized the initiative, although a hard hitting 20 from James Message enabled the 'Run Outs' to close on 91 all out after 15 overs.

James Message and Lewis Harrington soon had Beastmould's reply in trouble at 4-2. However the Portland pair of Jacob

Coombes (28 no) and Durrant (24) eased their side home with seven overs to spare.

Game Two saw 'Webbies Wonders' take on 'Tim's Tornados' in a thrilling match that was a huge advert for all that is good in local youth cricket.

The Tornados batting first scored a competitive 139 -4 in an innings that produced both excellent batting and bowling.

Wonders got off to a flyer with Dominic Webb (29 no) and Coombes (27 no) smashing the ball all around the arena. Despite a huge effort from the bowling side Josh Bower (17 no) hit the winning runs with six overs to spare. The presentation of trophies took place after the matches.

Osprey assistant manager and league co-ordinator Aaron Riley was full of praise for all the youngsters: "The standard of cricket throughout the season has been extremely high which is a testament to all the hard work which is put in by the all the club's

coaches throughout the year.

"Osprey Leisure Centre are happy to run the league and sponsor the trophies for the next season which commences in September,

and would also like to thank Portland Red Triangle's Grant Neven for giving up his Saturdays to run the league, umpire and to write the regular reports."



■ ALL ROUND GOOD CRICKET: Some of the players that took part in the indoor league last season

Busy month for Martinstown

MARTINSTOWN Cricket Club face a busy April as they eagerly anticipate the new season.

The pre-season calendar begins with the Natwest Cricket Force day this Saturday (April 5th). This day will provide an opportunity for prospective new members to check out what the club can offer, as players and supporters help to prepare the ground for action.

Senior practice officially kicks off on Monday (7th) from 5:30pm and will run in addition to Friday sessions throughout the season.

The club are targeting a fun and varied training programme to drive attendances

and raise standards on the field, ahead of home friendly matches against Southampton University on Sunday 20th and Weymouth CC on Sunday 27th.

Junior practice follows later in the month with the under 15 age group training 5:30-7pm on Fridays from the 18th, and all other age groups (U13, U11 and U9) starting their Wednesday sessions from 6pm on the 23rd.

All junior sessions will be supervised by a team of qualified and committed coaches led by youth co-ordinator Lee House.

For the latest news, please join <http://martinstown.playcricket.com> and follow @Martinstowncc on Twitter.

WEYMOUTH INDOOR FOOTBALL

Jolly Rogers make case for the six-a-side title

WITH the Weymouth Monday six-a-side league entering the second half of the season, Jolly Rogers raised their flag to be title challengers.

Bottom placed side Hardly Athletic were thumped 17-0, in a game where Craig Roper really caught the eye.

It was more business as usual elsewhere, with leaders The Belvedere seeing off Space Invaders 7-0 to maintain a two point lead from Melissa Sports, who

beat Elites 5-0, thanks largely to Karl Parkhurst.

Top met bottom in the Thursday five-a-side and the formbook remained untroubled as Weymouth Wizards saw off Schindlers Assist 12-3. T

hat was enough to leave them two points clear of a chasing pack, which includes AFC Discharge after they edged out 2 Whites 6-4.

Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS - March 16th:
Colliton XQ 2013 6
Purbeck Potters 0; Colliton Hopefuls 3
Trinity Gooduns 5; Colliton Hopefuls 4
Trinity Express 3; Purbeck Potters 2
West Dorset Club A 4; Colliton Cons 2
Colliton Hopefuls 5.

Top break of the season:
Evan Wellman (67).

Table	P	Pts
West Dorset Club A.....	16	72
Trinity Gooduns.....	16	67
Colliton Hopefuls.....	16	66
Trinity M.....	16	64
Colliton Cons.....	16	59
Colliton XQ2013.....	16	57
Purbeck Potters.....	16	54
Trinity Express.....	16	52
WDC Whipping Boys.....	16	39

DORSET FOOTBALL

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

WEYMOUTH Reserves stay top despite sharing the points with their hosts Parley Sports after throwing away a two goal lead through Carl McClements and Conor Jeon.

However Sports hit back to take a point with a brace from Tobias Holmes in the 73rd and 85th minutes.

Portland United closed the gap in second place to a single point with four games in hand following their 4-1 home defeat of Blandford United.

Ross Doige and Anthony Carlile gave them a two goal first half lead and although Oscar Bircham pulled one back on the hour, Carlile with a second and James Hansford scored for a convincing victory.

Luke Stone's penalty on 56 minutes – the only goal of the game – keeps Hamworthy Recreation in the top four and visitors Bridport Reserves in sixth spot.

DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE Senior League

CHICKERELL United stay in second place despite losing 2-1 at Kingston Lacy who scored through Thomas McCormack and Jack Mills with David Love's penalty the only consolation.

Division One

The Balti House are just one victory away from winning the league after they extended their lead to 14 points after a 2-0 success at Kangaroos.

Dorchester Sports stay in the top three following their 2-0 win at AFC Cobham, whilst Wincanton Town Reserves and Poundbury Rovers played out a 2-2 draw to maintain their mid table positions.

Bere Regis swapped places at the foot of the table with their visitors Stourpaine after they beat them 2-0 with goals from Kim Tinker and Matt Elford.

Division Two

PORTESHAM United kept up their chase on the leaders Lyckett RT with a brace from Elliott Gould in their 2-1 victory at Portland Town.

Parley Sports stay in the top three following their 5-2 success against their visitors Wareham Redland FC moved up into the top four with a 2-1 home win over Corfe Castle goals from Matt Batchelor and Charlie Jones, whilst Gillingham Town A moved out of the bottom two after a 1-0 win at Chickerell United.

Division Four

PUDDLETOWN remain three points clear with a game in hand following their 3-2 win at Cranborne Reserves with Weymouth Spartans Reserves staying in third after their 3-2 victory at South Cheriton Reserves.

Owermoine moved up to fourth after their 4-1 win at Corfe Mullen United Reserves, whilst Pimperne Sports Society won for the seventh time this season when they defeated visitors Portland Town A 4-1 whose consolation was scored by Daniel Sheppard.

Division Five

THE top two sides Portland United Youth and Broadstone drew 2-2.

BEES NEWS

No complaints as Ressies suffer spot kick agony

Hamworthy Rec 1 Bridport Reserves 0

BEES manager Robin Townsend had no complaints about the penalty decision that saw his makeshift side suffer defeat at fourth placed Hamworthy Rec on Saturday.

"I have no complaints, it was a stonewall penalty. Billy Fleet produced a great reaction save, probably his best save of the season earlier to keep us in the game, unfortunately misjudged it when he rushed out and caught their player with his feet."

With so many absentees again, Townsend was grateful for the help of Will Gape and Dan Peart from Dorchester as well as Adam Stordy and Ryan Gall called up from the Thirds, and in the circumstances played a uncharacteristic 4-5-1 formation.

"I like to play attacking football, but with the options felt it best to try and stay in the game as long as we could."

The plan worked with the Bees frustrating Rec to a couple of half chance to go in goalless at the

break, and even when they went behind in the second half they maintained their shape.

"Ash Clarke and Sam Day were excellent at the back, and in one way I thought we deserved a point in the end for just how we defended so well."

HOCKEY

Double celebration for Hawks as both teams gain promotion

WEST Dorset Hawks were celebrating a double success at the weekend with the first team winning the Davis Wood South East 1 title and the A team being promoted as runners-up in the South East 3 league.

The Beaminster Ladies whilst not gaining promotion will also look back on a successful campaign after finishing third in the West Clubs Women's Channel Division 1.

Both of the men's team went into the last game of the season with slightly different objectives.

The first team had already won promotion the week before, but needed at least a point against lowly Taunton Vale C to ensure Bridgwater A didn't snatch the title on goal difference.

Despite being a goal down in the first minutes, they held their nerve and came through to win 5-1. In the end however it was academic, as Bridgwater A were beaten 5-3 by Shepton Mallett A and although Sidmouth & Ottery B won to take the other promotion slot they were five points behind Hawks.

For the A team it was a much harder task. With Bridgwater C already confirmed as champions and Hawks and ECV Hornets C locked on exactly the same number of points and goal difference, it meant Saturday's results would decide who won promotion.

The Hornets won 4-2 against Yeovil & Sherborne C, but the Hawks bettered that beating Chard B and take the runners-up spot.

West Dorset Hawks 5 Taunton Vale C 1

BRIDPORT based West Dorset suffered a few early jitters at the start and went behind inside five minutes. However they soon found the form that they had shown all season, despite striker Russell Coombes suffering from a recurring hamstring problem moments after the start of the game.

The midfield duo of Dan Wyatt and Rick Dormor started to put their weight around the field and conduct some good passing and were always a hassling any attacks that Taunton Vale could muster, whilst Steve Mearning up front alongside Coombes, had several threatening runs but good goalkeeping and near misses meant he was unable to convert any of them.

Eventually the endless pressure on the visiting defence told when right half Rick Steele smashed an excellent ball into Vale's penalty spot where Mearning was quick to deflect it deflected into goal.

Alex Davis continued his dominance over his opposing number in the second half, always looking threatening down the left flank, and his efforts were rewarded when he converted a short corner using an old, but well drilled routine. West Dorset continued to apply the pressure, whilst defenders Julian May, Charlie Davis, Lee Connelly, and Robin Goodfellow kept any threat at bay with some excellent tackling and great anticipation of the game.

In the final quarter Taunton started to crack, and Hawks scored three more. Dan Wyatt scored a great goal into the roof of the net, before Mearning dribbled past three defenders to slide a ball beyond the keeper for his second goal, whilst Coombes efforts up front were rewarded with a superbly

taken deflect into the back of the net.

Skipper Dormor said: "Special thanks needs to go to our goalie Tom Lowe, who has had his best ever season and to several players that could not make the game but have been influential in the West Dorset's success this season, namely Gavin Brooking, Mike Thompson, Jim Bowditch, Simon Wakely, Richard Pewsey, Matt Caton and George Baker.

"West Dorset has had an excellent season and will look forward to building on this year's success in the division above."

Chard B 1 West Dorset Hawks A 5

WEST Dorset A travelled to fourth placed Chard B for their final game of the season knowing that second place and promotion were up for grabs.

Hawks started brightly, going 2-0 up within the first 10 minutes with goals from Rich Wilson and John Kellas. Wilson converted a fine cross with a flick at the far post before Kellas scored with a superb individual effort; beating a couple of Chard defenders before firing past the keeper.

Chard have a good home record and created chances themselves, the best of which was a goal bound shot following a short corner which was cleared off the line by Henry Middleton.

There was no addition to the score by halftime although a number of players from both sides had been issued green warning cards for persistent fouls as the atmosphere became heated.

George Baker increased West Dorset's lead early in the second half when he skilfully guided in Wilson hard shot, but Chard reduced the arrears following a poor defensive clear-

ance gave the home player an easy opportunity.

The visitors quickly restored their three goal lead when Mike Thompson scored from the edge of the area, before Chard were reduced to ten when a player was yellow carded for petulantly kicking a West Dorset player's stick away.

However they still posed a threat and it needed another goal line clearance from Middleton to maintain the Hawks lead. Baker was then sent off for fouling a Chard attacker after he had already received a warning to reduce Hawks to ten men, but despite this they still created the better chances and it was no surprise when Kellas scored his second goal of the game to bring his season's tally to a very impressive 40 goals.

West Dorset then had to endure a nail biting three hour wait until news filtered through that Hornets had only beaten Yeovil 4-2, securing West Dorset's promotion.

Skipper Middleton said: "It's been a wonderful season and everyone has played their part, but I would say the success was down to us being very solid and consistent in defence; conceding only 20 goals in 22 games and the prolific scoring of John Kellas up front."

Blandford & Sturminster Newton 2nd 0 Beaminster 1

HANNAH Dale secured the goal that ensured Beaminster the third spot they have held for most of the season.

Blandford have been following closely in the wake of Beaminster all season, but defeat at lowly Wimborne Wayfarers and being held to a draw by Yeovil & Sherborne 3rds in their last two matches meant their hosts could have piped them for third although Beaminster's much superior goal difference would have meant if had to be by large score.



Presidential lunch

□ Almost 70 Bridport Rugby Club vice-presidents sat down to a delicious annual lunch served up by one of the club's sponsors – Bridport Hog Roast – before the recent victory over Swanage & Wareham 2nds

Dorset Funeral Plan to continue cricket sponsorship

DORSET cricket will continue to be sponsored again with the announcement that Dorset Funeral Plan is to back the county's cricket league for the eighth season in a row.

The plan, run by Douch Family Funeral Directors, has become synonymous with the eight Saturday leagues played by nearly 50 clubs across Dorset, many of which have more than one side.

Each month throughout the season there will be a "team of the month" award; the winners receiving a trophy, individual medals and a bottle of bubbly.

The deal will also provide end-of-season awards that will include awards for the best groundsperson, individual achievement award team

achievement award. There is also the Jack Douch Award for cricket in the community, which was presented last season for the first time.

Jack was well known in cricket circles around Dorset and was the grandfather of Nick Douch, the current managing director of Douch Family Funeral Directors.

The Dorset Funeral Plan Cricket League chairman John Ridout said they were delighted to continue with the sponsorship.

"The league covers the whole of the county and is known by everyone as the Dorset Funeral Plan League.

"This year we have two Premier leagues – 1 and 2 – with playoffs and promotion and the leagues below are now

known as county leagues. The new structure is aimed at getting the better players to compete against each other more often.

"Hopefully this will improve standards and ultimately feed into the county team.

"The sponsorship deal is crucial for us to achieve our aims."

Nick Douch said: "The Dorset Funeral Plan has been the league sponsor for a number of years and our profile has certainly been raised because of it.

"It is operated by our seven branches in Dorset and we are very much committed to local cricket.

"Now all we need is a hot summer like the one we had last year."



■ DEAL: Dorset Funeral Plan managing director Nick Douch (left) and league chairman John Ridout shake on the deal

WITH STUART BROOM

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Bridport Skittles League

DUE to a positive response to the recent proposals, the committee of the Bridport Skittles League has decided from the 2014/15 season to combine all leagues and to allow mixed teams.

Entry forms will be available shortly.

FIXTURES

Monday, April 7th
Ladies Palmer Cup Final
Woodman – Brandy Snaps v Pinbashers.

Tuesday, April 8th

Mens Individual Nomination Final
Tiger – I. Pincombe; M. Horton; L. Dare; H. Mills; S. Pitcher; R. Pincombe; C. Willcox; G. Brooks.

Wednesday, April 9th

Ladies Individual Nomination Final
Ilchester Arms – C. Huxter; J. Doble; S. Newman; G. Legg; S. Yeatman; C. Lambert; S. Luter; J. Symes.

BEAMINSTER & BRIDPORT POOL LEAGUE

	P	Pts
Burstock Grangers.....	23	158
Bang Tidy.....	22	129
Red Hot Shots.....	21	118
Trawlerz.....	23	118
The Knapp.....	22	114
Just the Tip*.....	22	111
Bendiwafflebangers.....	22	110
Ringers.....	22	109
Shameless*.....	22	104
Bradpole Club.....	22	104
Hope & Anchor*.....	22	90
Longshots.....	22	75
Pocket Rockets*.....	21	71

Top Players	Percentage
Nick Sully.....	76.08%
Paul Burkhardt.....	72.72%
Ben Frampton.....	69.56%
Tim Frampton.....	69.56%
Sam Lovelace.....	73.68%
Andy Jones.....	64.28%
Dan Frampton.....	61.36%
Tony Coe.....	61.36%
Danny Rawlings.....	68.42%
Kevin Wheeler.....	65.00%
James Martin.....	59.09%
David Studley.....	59.09%
Phillip Page.....	60.00%
Bill Studley.....	54.54%
Phil Collins.....	60.52%
Connor Swanwick.....	57.50%
Charlie Adams.....	57.50%
Lloyd Studley.....	54.76%
Lee Swanwick.....	53.65%
Robbie Hayter.....	53.65%

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BRIDPORT RUGBY

Blues outgunned by North Dorset seconds

BRIDPORT 5 NORTH DORSET II 53

IT was a bad day at the office for the Blues at the Brewery Ground on Saturday. North Dorset opened the scoring early with a blistering run from their left wing who brushed off four ineffectual tackles to score in the corner.

A difficult conversion got the scoreboard ticking over at 0-7. Bridport were able to respond with a classy unconverted try from the base of their solid scrum by the ever-reliable Mike Pibworth.

That was pretty much it for Bridport. They were contained in their half by muscular North Dorset forward power repeatedly winning ball for their keen back line who released determined runners to cross the whitewash four more times before half-time for a 27-5 lead. Bridport just did not have an answer to the North Dorset Green Machine format of power and speed, and an uncomfortable second half beckoned.

After the turnaround the visitors continued where they had left off. Bridport became observers of the game more than participants.

Too often their meagre and hard-earned possession was lost in breakdown contact and aimless kicking. Their efficient scrum-mage technique was their only face-saving grace.

The visitors scored four more tries in a second half which was disrupted by a number of injury stoppages, but there were no excuses, and despite the Blues being outgunned by a better and more intense side they battled to the final whistle.

The final match of the season will be at home against Frome on April 12th when it is hoped the injury list will have shortened.

The Blues second team lost 29-5 at Blandford. This was their final game of the season and the final game ever for their 53-year-old skipper Wayne Munro. He will take up the whistle next season who will take up refereeing next season.

UNDER 13s WEYMOUTH 15 BRIDPORT 62

BRIDPORT under 13s travelled along the coast road on the first day of summer to play a rejuvenated Weymouth side that hadn't played for the last couple of seasons.

The hosts only had thirteen, and special mention to Blues players Toby Corren and Will Gibbons, who guested for the Seaside in the first and second half respectively to even the sides at 14 apiece.

The young Blues, who had came up against a strong Sidmouth side the week before, found themselves the stronger team this time, and the lessons learned in Devon the week before served the Bridport youngsters well in this match.

Bridport scored two quick tries from the start but went to sleep allowing Weymouth to score. This served as a wake-up call for Bridport who, with encouragement, started to contest more positively in the loose play, which paid dividends.

Tries from Toby Taylor, Guy Brazier and Alex Phillips with the extras added by Joe O'Hagan ensured that the Bridport Under 13s ran out deserved winners.

Bridport's strength in the scrum created a firm platform from which attacking plays could be made with forwards and backs inter-linking well. All round there was a determined attitude in this performance which the young Blues will carry forward when they visit Wimborne next week.

UNDER 12s BRIDPORT 45 LYCHETT MINSTER 30

WITH Bridport plagued by injuries this was a 12-a-side match. Bridport started the strongest, pushing hard and scoring four tries within the first seven minutes through Joe Elsworth and Josh Golding.

Despite the good play, Lychett took advantage of some Bridport mistakes to score two of their own in quick succession for a half-time score of 20-10 in the Blues favour.

Some of the tackles from the Bridport squad were excellent, especially from Joe Elsworth, Eddie Gale and new player Felix Thompson.

After the break both teams were rejuvenated and attacked and defended very well, with some great runs from Bridport's Henry Wyrill, Corbin and Ollie Blackburn.

With the Blues working well as a team and moving the ball across the pitch, they scored further tries through Elsworth, Golding, Gale and Thompson.

Another great performance from a young dynamic side.

UNDER 11s BRIDPORT 112 LYCHETT MINSTER 14

THIS was a Bridport performance that honoured Mothers Day as the boys work hard to end the season in the right way, on a high.

It was a game that the U11s dominated with the forwards winning all aspects of



■ A BRIGHT FUTURE: Bridport 7s picture before their final game of the season on Sunday

their game, as Callum Fowler, Ryan Phillips, Oliver Wills and man of the match Charlie Taylor carried the ball with dynamic crashing runs through the visiting defence, scoring try after try.

This was an all round performance that included a strong defence as Lychett Minster had good strong runners, but they weren't allowed any space before the tackles came in and Bridport forwards swallowed up the ruck ball to set up another attack.

From the forward domination the call came out from the coaches on the side line to spin the ball out to the wide, allowing a team effort to reap the rewards with four more tries coming from the backs, to end a great final match of the season.

Phillips scored seven tries and Wills bagged four, with Taylor, Reuben Jolliffe, George Amos, Lewis Ali and Talar Hopgood all scoring one, with a special mention to our goal kicker Jolliffe who converted all 16 conversions.

UNDER 10s

HAVING been given solemn assurances that all the players had organised gifts for all those mothers without whom the players could not operate, let alone arrive on time, the games commenced.

Unfortunately Lychett suffered from a shortage of players, due to the clocks going forward, and with Bridport's U9s having arrived en-masse, sides were selected, mixing both age groups, and four hard competitive fifteen minute games were played.

Do not think that under nine means gentle no contact rugby; these boys can show their elders a thing or two, especially about tackling which is now done on a regular basis, and even big players are being brought down by lighter boys.

U9 Fred Underhay together with Archie Smith, Peter Mullany and captain Tegan Furner scored tries in the initial two close games, in which Jack Tozer operated superbly at scrum-half.

Changes were made to give everyone at least two games, with Araminta May selected captain and scrum-half, a joint duty she performed admirably with intelligence and ball winning skills. Tries by Thomas Craven, Will Smith, George Found, and speed merchant Toby Gale rounded off a day where the coaches at last saw rewards for all those training sessions.

So, the last game of the season! Next term, five man scrums and twelve-a-side. Bridport now have the

players; will they have the "get and go"?

UNDER 7s & 8s

WITH a cancelled fixture against Lychett Minster, the Under 7s and 8s combined for a three match tournament to end the season with some fun in glorious weather, whereby the 'Chiefs' took on the 'Tigers' over three 14 minute matches.

To encourage teamwork, tries scored by the U7s were worth extra points. The Chiefs took advantage of the special scoring, using their younger players to good effect in the first two matches. The Tigers roared back in the third game, with fine running and strong tactics bringing their whole team into the game.

The day ended with awards for the top try scorers on the day: Maisy Herbert and Kieran Coombs in the U7 category, and Henry Everitt and Charlie Brake taking the honours in the U8s. Well done to everyone on a fantastic effort.

A great end to a strong season for the youngest age group at Bridport RFC with 17 players regularly turning out; a positive outlook for the future of the club. Thanks to all the players and parents for their support.

Exciting new season ahead for Bridport Bowling Club



■ FOLLOWING a lot of hard work having been done at Bridport Bowling Club's Priory Lane headquarters in recent weeks, the club is in excellent shape for the start of the season on April 16th, with the prospect from weathermen of a delightful summer. Before that however is the Spring Meeting which takes place tomorrow evening (Thursday April 1st) at 6:30pm. In addition to existing members, the club warmly welcome new members who may have played in the past or encourage new people to come and try their hand.

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	P	GD	Pts
Boreham Wood	34	12	43
Farnborough	35	-16	43
Chelmsford City	34	-23	38
Hayes & Yeading	32	-3	35
Gosport Borough	31	-13	35
Whitehawk	35	-19	35
Maldenhead United	34	-16	32
Tonbridge Angels	33	-27	31
DORCHESTER TOWN	35	-48	27

Calor Premier (top)	P	GD	Pts
Hemel Hempstead Town	38	86	91
Chesham United	38	52	85
St Albans City	39	36	77
Stourbridge	39	50	71
Cambridge City	37	31	70
Poole Town	34	27	64
Bideford	39	17	63
Hungerford	32	62	62
WEYMOUTH	37	-8	56
Corby Town	37	1	54
Redditch	38	-23	51
Frome Town	39	-16	49
Bognor Regis	35	13	48
Hitchin Town	36	11	48
Arlesey Town	39	-9	48

Toolstation Premier	P	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	36	67	79
Larkhall Athletic	30	59	79
Gillingham Town	31	36	65
Street	35	15	64
Willand Rovers	32	12	55
Bitton	32	23	54
Melksham Town	33	6	52
Odd Down (Bath)	29	19	48
Bridlington	29	3	46
Hallen	31	-3	43
Longwell Green Sports	31	-5	43
Cadbury Heath	34	-6	41
Buckland Athletic	34	8	38
Sherborne Town	31	-9	37
BRIDPORT	31	-8	35
Winterbourne Utd	35	-25	35
Simbridge	30	-17	31
Radstock Town	31	-42	25
Hengrove Athletic	32	-39	22
Bishop Sutton	32	-47	20
Ilfracombe Town	30	-47	20

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RESERVES	27	30	52
PORTLAND UNITED	23	44	51
Melsey Cobham	25	30	50
Hamworthy Res	24	47	48
Mere Town	26	25	42
BRIDPORT RESERVES	26	13	38
Swanage & Herston*	25	2	35
Blandford United	24	34	34
Holt United	26	-15	33
Shaftesbury Town*	28	-20	33
Wareham Rangers	23	1	32
Tintinhull	21	-8	28
Sherborne Town Res	25	-4	27
Craborne	23	-38	27
Parley Sports	25	-22	25
Hamworthy Utd Res*	23	-33	18
Poole Borough	25	-34	15

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	18	38	45
Chickwell Utd	21	41	41
Sturm Marshall	16	23	37
Upwey & Broadwey	16	21	32
Corfe Mullen Utd	17	16	27
Gillingham Res	17	1	25
Witchampton Utd	15	8	23
Portland Utd Res	16	-2	22
Blandford Utd Res	15	10	21
South Cheriton	18	-10	19
Piddletown Utd	22	-25	19
Sturm Newton Utd	16	-4	12
Kingston Lacy	18	-34	12
Okeford Utd	18	-49	7

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	20	32	52
Weymouth Spartans	20	5	38
Dorchester Sports	18	21	36
Milborne Sports	17	27	32
Kangaroos	18	12	30
Poundbury Rovers	20	6	29
Wincanton Town Res	15	10	27
AFC Cobham	20	-18	22
Poole Borough Res*	12	8	15
Swanage & Herston Res17	17	-17	14
Bridport A	18	-21	13
Bere Regis	20	-40	10
Stourpaine*	19	-25	9

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lychett RT	15	51	42
Portsmouth Utd	16	23	41
Parley Sports Res	18	18	32
Redlands FC	18	10	32
Portland Town	20	15	31
Wyke Regis SC	19	0	29
Shaftesbury Town Res	14	9	24
Chickwell Utd Res	16	4	24
Corfe Castle	19	3	24
Gillingham Town A*	18	-12	15
Piddletown Utd	21	-25	15
Wareham Rangers Res	15	-17	14
Ship Inn, Wool	21	-40	14
Sturm Newton Res	16	-39	12

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Broadstone	18	48	37
Puddletown	17	37	42
Utd A*	17	42	33
AFC Blandford	13	23	33
Henstridge Utd	16	9	32
Mere Town Res	18	25	31
Handley Sports	17	-4	22
Stalbridge	17	-17	22
Malden Newton & Catt	11	6	14
Sturm Marshall Res	18	-29	14
Donhead Utd	16	-59	6
Portland Town Res	15	-44	4

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	17	37	42
Milborne Sports Res	17	21	36
Weymouth Spart Res	17	2	31
Overmoigne	16	5	27
AFC Cobham Res	15	11	26
Portland Town A	20	-12	26
Pimperne SS	19	6	25
UFC Poundbury	19	-12	21
Kangaroos Res	17	16	16
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	18	-20	16
Craborne Res*	18	-1	15
South Cheriton Res	17	-20	11

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	14	28	30
Broadstone Res	14	15	29
Lychett RT Youth	13	17	25
Corfe Castle Res	15	8	25
Portland Town B	18	-36	20
Handley Sports Res	14	9	19
Wool & Winfrith	14	1	18
Marnhall*	14	8	14
Piddletrenthide Res*	14	-17	11
Okeford Utd Res*	16	-33	8

POINT-TO-POINT RACING

Seavington Hunt this weekend

SEAVINGTON Hunt has ensured race goers don't miss out on watching the Grand National when they host their point-to-point meeting at Littlewindsor this Saturday (April 5th), by installing a giant screen on the course.

The first of the seven races is at 1:30pm with a break to watch the most famous horse race in the world live from Aintree.

Bookies will be on sight not only to

allow betting on the course races but also the Grand National, as well as a bar, food and children's distractions.

Entry is £20 per car for up to four adults (£5 extra per adult) or £10 for a single occupant and £5 for pedestrians.

There was success for Seaborough's Richard Barber at the recent Mendip meeting when Will Biddick rode 4/6 favourite Belsinni Ron to a two length victory in the Mens Open.

LYME REGIS GOLF

Seed continues to bloom

JUNIOR vice captain George Seed continued his impressive run of form by combining with his father - club vice captain Roger Seed - and Adrian Morgan to win the Threeball Better Ball competition with 74 points.

Second on count back were David Binns, Charlie Lane, and Bob Shepherd with 72 points.

In the Ladies Fourball better ball, lady captain Lizzie Linnert combined with Di Smith to score 41 points and on count back beat Jane Southcombe and Susan

Moore. Sandra Barclay and Kim Beauchamp were third with 39 points.

Matt Watson won the juniors' stableford with 35 points beating Lewis Cotnam (31pts) and Stuart Wight (29 pts) into the minor placings.

The seniors played Burnham and Berrow at home and managed a 3-3 draw which may be difficult to repeat away later in the year.

The last of the club's winter quiz nights will be held on Tuesday April 8th.

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Littlewindsor (DT8 3QU)

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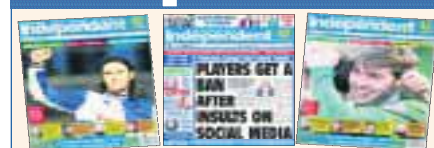
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Magpies downed by added time winner

SKRILL SOUTH

Basingstoke 2 Dorchester Town 1

DORCHESTER looked to have done enough to earn a point in their battle at the bottom of Skril South when Basingstoke's new signing Liam Enver-Marum capped his debut with a second goal deep into added time.

Charlie Losasso had chalked off the former Bishop's Stortford striker first goal on the half hour, 12 minutes from time with a superb strike that flew into the top corner.

But with the Magpies in control and pushing for a winner, the 'Stoke broke in the third minutes of added time, and Enver-Marum worked himself some space to fire past Alan Walker-Harris.

Manager Phil Simkin was gutted at the result and felt that his side fully deserved a point.

"I've never known a season like it; everything appears to be against us. Charlie's goal was one hell of a shot and at 1-1 there was only one winner - us.

by Stuart Broom
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"However we pushed a bit too hard for the winner and a mistake in the final seconds gives their lad the chance."

"We moved the ball well again in another good team performance, but didn't get out what we put in. They are a decent side, but once again it is goals that win games, and they had that little bit more quality than us."

The defeat comes on the back of a 6-0 defeat at Eastleigh earlier in the week, although the score does not reflect once again how well Dorchester played.

Simkin said: "We weren't that bad and played some good stuff, I can tell you, but Eastleigh just overpowered us all around the pitch."

"That was probably the best all round performance at this level that I have seen. They had strength, power and ability, and again shows what money

can buy; the top teams tend to have the best strikers in the league and score the most goals which is why they are successful."

Last night's home game against fellow strugglers Maidenhead United was critical in Dorchester's hopes of survival this season, and they would have been buoyed by the return of the evergreen Nick Crittenden who returned after a one match ban.

The former Glover has been in sparkling form again this season, and has just delighted all the Magpies board and fans by signing a new one-year contract last Thursday.

Whether he will be joined by Warren Byrley or Jamie Gleeson, who both missed the game through injury, is still in doubt when going to press.

But captain Mark Jermyn who once again put himself on the line by playing on Saturday, according to Simkin "on one leg" following a hamstring injury, is also expected to declare himself fit.



■ Dorchester RFC Under 8s took on Winscombe on Mothering Sunday

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